

**SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**Follow-up Investigative Report**

**Crime:** Death Investigation  
**Victim:** Peraza, Alberto  
**Location:** 200 West Arbor Drive  
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**VICTIM INFORMATION:**

Alberto Peraza (DOB: (b)(5)(A) )  
(b)(5)(A)

BKG#: 6423832

SSN: (b)(5)(A)

**SYNOPSIS:**

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at approximately 1930 hours, the San Diego Police Department Communication Center received a telephone call from the decedent, Alberto Peraza (DOB: (b)(5)(B) ). Peraza told the dispatcher he was being chased by ten people with guns in the 4200 block of Epsilon Street in San Diego. Prior to a police officer arriving in the area, Peraza flagged down a city transit bus and Peraza jumped on the front bike rack of the bus. Peraza then climbed through the open driver's window and the bus driver fled from the bus. Peraza damaged the interior of the bus after the driver fled.

A San Diego Police Officer responded to the area and Peraza got off the bus. Prior to the patrol vehicle coming to a stop, Peraza opened the back door of the patrol vehicle and he got into the rear passenger area. The San Diego Police Officer stopped his patrol vehicle and Peraza was locked inside. The police officer drew his firearm and he pointed it at Peraza. Peraza was yelling and he began kicking the rear passenger door of the patrol vehicle. The police officer ordered Peraza to stay inside the patrol vehicle. Peraza kicked the rear door window out and the police officer sprayed Peraza with Oleoresin Capsicum. Additional patrol units arrived at the location, which included a clinician from the Psychological Evaluation Response Team (PERT), and Peraza was taken into custody. Peraza was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and for vandalism.

Peraza was transported to the San Diego Police Station and he was restrained to a chair with a seatbelt. Peraza was also handcuffed behind his back. After Peraza was processed at the police station, he was escorted to a patrol vehicle so that he could be transported to the San Diego Central Jail. Prior to getting in the patrol vehicle, Peraza became combative with the police officer. Peraza was placed onto the ground and his ankles were secured with a cord cuff. One cord cuff was used to hold both ankles together. Peraza was placed in the rear passenger area of a patrol vehicle and he was transported to the San Diego Central Jail. Peraza continually tried to get out of the restraints during the

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transit. The San Diego Police Officer notified the jail staff that he was en route to the jail with a combative prisoner.

Peraza arrived at the jail in the back of a patrol vehicle. Sergeant Schroeder (#5711), Deputy Cardenas (#3624), Deputy Wilt (#4966), and Deputy Kobs (#4857) responded to the vehicle sallyport where they met with a San Diego Police Officer and a PERT clinician. The police officer and the PERT clinician briefed the sergeant and the deputies on the circumstances of Peraza's arrest. The police officer and the PERT clinician thought Peraza may have been under the influence of methamphetamines.

After the sergeant and the deputies were briefed on the circumstances of Peraza's arrest, the police officer removed Peraza from the back of the patrol vehicle. Peraza was still handcuffed and his ankles were secure with a cord cuff. Peraza lunged at the police officer and Peraza fell to the floor. Peraza was taken to the area of the intake sallyport and he was placed on the floor.

Due to Peraza's intoxicated state and combative demeanor, Sergeant Schroeder decided to bypass the medical screening process and place Peraza in a sobering cell on the second floor for his safety. Deputy Wilt decided to escort Peraza to the sobering cell in a wheelchair. Deputy Wilt retrieved a wheelchair from the Medical Triage area and Peraza was assisted into the chair. Deputy Wilt began to push the wheelchair and Peraza dragged his feet, making it difficult for Deputy Wilt to push the wheelchair. Therefore, Deputy Wilt turned the chair around and began to pull it backwards. Peraza was struggling and attempted to get out of the chair. Peraza arched his back and head butted Deputy Wilt in the stomach. Deputy Wilt kned Peraza in the rear portion of his right rib cage through the padded panel on the back of the wheelchair to prevent Peraza from head butting him again. Deputy Cardenas and Deputy Kobs pushed Peraza's upper body and head down toward his lap to prevent Peraza from standing up.

Peraza was escorted to the sobering cell on the second floor. Peraza continued to yell and he attempted to break free from the control of the deputies. Deputy Kobs placed his hands on the back of Peraza's head and Deputy Kobs used his entire bodyweight to push Peraza's head toward his lap to prevent Peraza from throwing his head back. Deputy Cardenas continued to use his bodyweight on Peraza's left shoulder.

Peraza stood up from the wheelchair and he lunged at the deputies. Deputy Kobs grabbed the back of Peraza's head and left bicep and Deputy Kobs pulled Peraza to the ground. Peraza was in a prone position. After Peraza fell to the floor, Deputy Kobs put his left knee onto Peraza's left bicep to control Peraza's left arm. Deputy Kobs also put his left hand on the left side of Peraza's head and used downward pressure to prevent

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Peraza from lifting his head. Deputy Kobs also used his right hand to apply a wrist flex to Peraza's left wrist. Deputy Cardenas applied downward pressure to the right side of Peraza's upper body in an attempt to control Peraza. Deputy Wilt grabbed Peraza's legs to prevent Peraza from kicking. Deputy Hoenig used his right knee to apply bodyweight to Peraza's right calf to prevent Peraza from kicking. Deputy Rhinelander used his right hand to apply downward pressure on Peraza's head to prevent Peraza from getting up from the floor.

Peraza began to spit and a white jail issued t-shirt was used as a temporary spit sock to prevent Peraza from spitting on the deputies. Deputy Rhinelander draped the t-shirt over Peraza's head.

Peraza was lifted off the floor and he was placed into a Pro-Straint chair. Deputy Rodriguez held Peraza's head by placing his hands under Peraza's lower jaw bone to prevent Peraza from head butting the deputies. Peraza was secured in the Pro-Straint chair with a lap belt, shoulder belts, ankle restraints, and leg straps. Peraza was secured to the Pro-Straint chair at approximately 2123 hours.

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at approximately 2124 hours, Peraza suddenly stopped resisting. The deputies and nursing staff checked Peraza for a pulse, but they did not find one. Deputy Cardenas used his right hand and did a sternum rub on Peraza. Peraza did not respond.

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at approximately 2125 hours, Peraza was placed on the floor and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was performed.

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at approximately 2133 hours, Medic One Paramedics and the San Diego Fire Department arrived on scene. The paramedics took over the CPR and they located Peraza's pulse at approximately 2137 hours. Peraza was transported via ambulance to UCSD Medical Center where he was placed on a life support system.

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 1835 hours, Doctor (b)(5)(B) and Doctor (b)(5)(B) pronounced Peraza as being deceased. Peraza was located in room #5 at the Critical Care Unit of UCSD Medical Center.

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 2325 hours, I arrived at UCSD Medical Center with other Sheriff's Department personnel. I met with Medical Examiner Investigator (b)(5)(B) and we went to room #5 at the Critical Care Unit. Medical Examiner Investigator (b)(5)(B) checked Peraza's body for trauma and Forensic

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Evidence Technician (b)(5)(B) took several photographs. I saw several bruises and abrasions on Peraza's body.

After Medical Examiner Investigator (b)(5)(B) processed Peraza's body for evidence, the body was placed in a white vinyl body bag and a green seal (#0105048) was attached. Peraza's body was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office by HS&B Transportation employees (b)(5)(B) and (b)(5)(B).

On Saturday, July 29, 2006, Doctor (b)(5)(B) of the Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on Peraza's body (ME Case# 06-1579). The cause and manner of death is pending laboratory and toxicological tests.

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SUSPECT'S CLOTHING

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NARRATIVE

ADDITIONAL OFFENSES

NA/NONE

HEADINGS: • ORIGIN • VICTIM(S) STATEMENT • REPORTING PARTY STATEMENT • WITNESS STATEMENT/WITNESS CHECKS • DEPUTY OBSERVATION/ACTION • SUSPECT STATEMENT • INJURIES/PROPERTY DAMAGE • EVIDENCE/DISPOSITION • REFERENCE

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CODE SECTION AND DESCRIPTION (ONE INCIDENT ONLY)

Death Investigation

MONTH

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06

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TIME

1835

LOCATION OF INCIDENT

UCSD Medical Center, 200 W. Arbor Drive, San Diego 92103

CITY

San Diego

BEAT

627

PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM

Peraza, Alberto (Booking #6423832)

SUSPECT (IF NAMED)

N/A

PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)

**SYNOPSIS:**

Inmate Alberto Peraza from the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ) was declared to have "brain death" while being treated at the University of California San Diego Medical Center (UCSD). Inmate Peraza was pronounced deceased at 1835 hours, by Dr. (b)(5)(B) and Critical Care Dr. (b)(5)(B). At approximately 2030 hours, Deputy Hunter #4037 relieved me at UCSD and took custody of the deceased.

**ORIGIN:**

On 07-28-2006, at about 0600 hours, I was working as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to work guard duty at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center located at 200 W. Arbor Drive in the city of San Diego, 92103. (b)(5)(A) I was responsible for guard duty for Inmate, Alberto Peraza, DOB (b)(5)(A), (BN #6423832 / JIM (b)(5)(A) who was currently being treated in the Critical Care Unit (CCU) located on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the hospital, Room Five.

**BACKGROUND:**

Inmate Alberto Peraza was transported and admitted into UCSD Medical Center on 07-26-06 at 2157 hours. Inmate Peraza had suffered Cardiac Arrest. Inmate Peraza was evaluated and treated in the Emergency Department. Inmate Peraza was immediately placed on a ventilator (life support) system. On 07-27-06 at approximately 0330 hours, Peraza was transferred to the Critical Care Unit (CCU), on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor inside Room Five. Over the course of approximately 39 hours, several medical procedures were performed to determine the extent of his injuries. On 07-27-06 at approximately 1800 hours, Peraza was placed on a CVVHD (Dialysis Machine) because Peraza had "Renal Failure" (Kidney failure). Inmate Peraza's medical condition failed to improve. On 07-28-06 at approximately 1300 hours, Peraza's family agreed to put Peraza on a "No Code" (Do not resuscitate) status. At approximately 1645 hours, Dr. (b)(5)(B) and Dr. (b)(5)(B) performed very specific neurological tests on Peraza to determine whether or not Peraza had suffered "Brain Death".

**INVESTIGATION:**

At 1702 hours, Dr. (b)(5)(B) ordered the CVVHD (Dialysis Machine) to be removed from Peraza. At 1800 hours, Nurse (b)(5)(B) drew blood for the first of a series of two final blood tests, testing CO2 levels in Peraza's blood. At 1805 hours, Dr. (b)(5)(B) disconnected the ventilator as part of the final test. At 1806 hours, Nurse (b)(5)(B) disconnected the CVVHD from Peraza. At 1814 hours, Nurse (b)(5)(B) drew the second of the two series blood test. Dr. (b)(5)(B) immediately re-connected the ventilator to Peraza. At 1817 hours, Nurse (b)(5)(B) removed IV medication from Peraza. At 1835 hours, Dr. (b)(5)(B) and Dr. (b)(5)(B) read the results for the CO2 blood tests. Dr. (b)(5)(B) and Dr. (b)(5)(B) declared Peraza had suffered "brain death".

I immediately requested Peraza's present family members to exit the room return to the waiting room. I secured the sliding glass door to Peraza hospital room in order to establish a crime scene.

I immediately contacted the Processing Sergeant Schroeder #5711 at SDCJ and notified her of the in-custody death.

**EVIDENCE:**

None.

REPORTING OFFICER E. FROSTAD	ARJIS # 3632	DIVISION DTN	APPROVED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 07	DAY 28	YEAR 06	TIME 2120
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**INJURIES:**

Inmate Enrique Peraza was declared to have "Brain Death" and removed from his ventilator, causing him to have "Cardiac Death".

**FOLLOW UP:**

Report forwarded to Sheriff's Homicide for follow-up.

**RELATED REPORTS:**

None.

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## INMATE STATUS REPORT

INMATE NAME		Peraza, Alberto				PAGE 1 OF 03	
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INCIDENT LOCATION	Vehicle Sallyport			INCIDENT DATE	07/26/2006	INCIDENT TIME	
DOB	(b)(5)(A)	RACE	H	SEX	M	CHARGES	
11550 HS Under the Influence; 594(b)(4) PC Vandalism							
TYPE OF REPORT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair placement <input type="checkbox"/> Detox <input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Safety cell <input type="checkbox"/> Segregated housing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of force <input type="checkbox"/> Other:						
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CHAIR, DETOX OR SAFETY CELL USE	DATE IN	07/26/06	TIME IN	2123	DATE OUT	TIME OUT	

### USE OF FORCE

#### ORIGIN:

On 07/26/06, at approximately 2105 hours, I was assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor housing deputy position at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ). I was assisting with a sobering cell placement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor when Sgt. Schroeder #5711 told me there was a combative inmate in the vehicle sallyport.

#### DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:

##### Background of Inmate Alberto Peraza:

Inmate Alberto Peraza was arrested for 11550 HS Under the Influence and 594 (b)(4) PC Vandalism by the San Diego Police Department.

Prior to being brought to SDCJ, Peraza was displaying signs of delusions. San Diego Police Department called their Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) to evaluate Peraza for possible psychiatric issues. PERT determined Peraza was under the influence of a controlled substance. Since PERT was first on the scene, they transported Peraza to SDCJ.

When Sgt. Schroeder and I arrived at the vehicle sallyport we saw an inmate, later identified as Alberto Peraza, yelling inside a patrol vehicle. The arresting officers said the inmate was possibly under the influence of methamphetamines. Deputy Wilt #4966 and Deputy Kobs #4857 arrived at the scene for assistance. The arresting officers told Sgt. Schroeder inmate Peraza had kicked out a patrol vehicle's window and he was combative throughout the arrest. I noticed Peraza was yelling incoherently inside the patrol car. Peraza was moving violently inside the patrol car by kicking his legs and thrashing his body around.

REPORTING DEPUTY	A. C. ANDERAZ	ARJIS	3624	DATE	07-27-06	TIME	0755
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	[Signature]	ARJIS	5721	DATE	7-27-06	TIME	0755
WATCH COMMANDER (If required)	[Signature]	ARJIS	1444	DATE	07-27-06	TIME	0759



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## INMATE STATUS REPORT

### DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS (cont.):

The arresting officers opened the door to the vehicle in order to remove Peraza. Peraza was unable to get out. The arresting officers assisted Peraza out of the vehicle. Peraza lunged at the arresting officers but lost his balance and fell to the floor of the vehicle sallyport. Peraza had handcuffs on and his legs were secured with cord cuffs. Peraza continued to yell. While on the floor, Peraza was kicking his legs and thrashing his body around, attempting to break free from the handcuffs and cord cuffs. To prevent Peraza from injuring himself, I used both of my hands and bodyweight in order to stop him from kicking his legs. Peraza was sweating profusely. Peraza's body smelled like chemicals. Peraza's body felt cold and clammy. Peraza continued to yell. Peraza appeared to be hallucinating. Due to Peraza's intoxicated condition and combative demeanor, Sgt. Schroeder told us Peraza would be placed in a sobering cell for his safety.

I placed my handcuffs on Peraza for my safety and the safety of other deputies. While I removed the arresting officer's handcuffs, Peraza attempted to grab my fingers. Deputy Wilt arrived with a wheelchair. Deputy Kobs, and I placed Peraza on the wheelchair. Peraza continued to kick his legs.

While Deputy Wilt was pulling the wheelchair, Peraza attempted to stand up. Peraza used his head to strike Deputy Wilt in his stomach. Deputy Wilt used his right knee and struck Peraza in the back of his right ribcage through the wheelchair seat. Deputy Wilt did this to prevent Peraza from headbutting. To prevent Peraza from standing up, I placed both of my hands on Peraza's left shoulder and applied downward pressure. Deputy Kobs placed his left hand on the back of Peraza's head and used moderate downward pressure to push his head towards his lap. Deputy Kobs and I continued our hold on Peraza while he was escorted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Sgt. Schroeder, Deputy Wilt, Deputy Kobs and I escorted Peraza to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor sobering cells.

When we arrived at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor sobering cell corridor, Peraza continued to be combative by yelling and attempting to break free from our control. Deputy Kobs placed both of his hands on the back of Peraza's head and pushed it towards his lap by using his entire body weight to try to stop Peraza from throwing his head back. I continued to use my bodyweight on Peraza's left shoulder with both of my hands. Peraza was able to stand up from the wheelchair and lunged at Deputy Kobs and I. Deputy Kobs attempted to stop Peraza from standing by grabbing the back of Peraza's head, left bicep and pulled him to the ground. When Peraza fell to the ground, the wheelchair followed him. Deputy Kobs placed his left knee onto Peraza's left bicep to gain control of Peraza's left arm. Deputy Kobs placed his left hand on the left side of Peraza's head and used moderate downward pressure to keep Peraza from lifting his head. While on the ground, Peraza attempted to grab Deputy Kobs. Deputy Kobs used his right hand and applied a wrist flex to Peraza's left wrist. I used both of my hands and attempted to secure Peraza's right side of his upper body by pushing downward. Peraza continued to tense his upper body. Deputy Wilt grabbed Peraza's legs with his hands to prevent him from kicking. Lt. Licon removed the wheelchair. Deputy Hoenig took hold of Peraza's right leg. Deputy Hoenig used his right knee to apply bodyweight to Peraza's right calf area to prevent him from kicking. Deputy Rhinelander #3781 used his right hand to apply downward pressure on Peraza's head. Deputy Rhinelander did this to prevent Peraza from attempting to get up from the floor. Peraza continued to be combative by tensing his arms and attempting to kick. Peraza continued to yell and kick. Peraza began to spit. To prevent Peraza from spitting a jail issued white shirt was used as a temporary spit sock. Deputy Rhinelander placed the shirt over the top of Peraza's head and draped it down in front of his his head. The shirt did not restrict

REPORTING DEPUTY	<i>P. CARDENAS</i>	ARJIS 3624	DATE 07-27-06	TIME 0755
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	<i>Joe Wilson</i>	ARJIS 5927	DATE 7-27-06	TIME 0755
WATCH COMMANDER (If required)	<i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS 1444	DATE 07-27-06	TIME 0759



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## INMATE STATUS REPORT

### DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS (cont.):

Peraza's ability to breathe normally.

Due to Peraza's continued combative behavior, Lt. Licon #5150 told us to place Peraza in a Pro-Strait chair for his safety and the safety of the deputies. Deputy Kobs used his right and left hand and lifted Peraza by his left bicep and left shoulder. I used both of my hands on Peraza's right shoulder and lifted Peraza from the ground and placed him in the Pro-Strait chair at approximately 2120 hours. Deputy Wilt held Peraza's left ankle. Deputy Rhinelander used his right hand to apply downward pressure to Peraza's left upper thigh in order to prevent him from kicking him, or other deputies, while his leg was being secured. Deputy Hoenig controlled Peraza's right leg with his hands. Deputy Rodriguez #2919 held Peraza's head using both of his hands under his lower jaw bone to prevent him from head butting the deputies. Deputy Brown #4677 placed her left hand on Peraza's chest in an effort to guide Peraza back into the chair. Deputy Kobs used his right and left hand to control Peraza's left arm. I secured the lap belt. I secured the right and left shoulder belt. Deputy Hoenig secured Peraza's right ankle with the right ankle restraint. Deputy Brown used her right and left hands to apply a slight downward pressure to Peraza's right foot. Deputy Brown held this position as Deputy Hoenig secured Peraza's right ankle. Deputy Wilt secured Peraza's left leg with the left ankle restraint. Peraza continued to be combative by tensing his body and attempting to kick the deputies as they were securing the leg straps. Peraza was secured to the Pro-Strait chair at approximately 2123 hours.

At approximately 2124 hours, I noticed Peraza suddenly stopped resisting. Peraza's mouth was moving, but his body seemed relaxed. I felt for a pulse. I was unable to find a pulse. I performed a sternum rub on Peraza using my right hand. Peraza did not respond. Lt. Licon asked Nurse (b)(5)(B) to check for a pulse. Nurse (b)(5)(B) was unable to locate a pulse.

We immediately began to loosen the straps from Peraza. We placed Peraza on the floor. At approximately 2125 hours, Nurse (b)(5)(B) and Deputy Rhinelander began Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on Peraza. At approximately 2129 hours, the medical "Crash Cart" arrived to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Nurse (b)(5)(B) placed an IV on Peraza. Nurse (b)(5)(B) and Nurse (b)(5)(B) continued to perform CPR.

At approximately 2133 hours, Medic One Paramedics and San Diego Fire Department arrived. They immediately relieved the nursing staff and began to perform CPR. At approximately 2137 hours, Medic One Paramedics were able to find a pulse on Peraza.

Peraza was transported to the University of California San Diego Hospital (UCSD) via ambulance. Deputy Rhinelander escorted inside the ambulance. Deputy Griner #2717 followed in a unmarked Sheriff's Department vehicle. Peraza was admitted at UCSD for further treatment and observations.

REPORTING DEPUTY	<i>E. CARDENAS</i>	ARJIS 3624	DATE 07-27-06	TIME 0750
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	<i>Jim Graham</i>	ARJIS 5921	DATE 7-27-06	TIME 0755
WATCH COMMANDER (If required)	<i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS 1444	DATE 07-27-06	TIME 0755



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## INMATE STATUS REPORT

### INJURIES:

None observed.

### FORCE:

#### Deputy Cardenas #3624- *MC*

To prevent Peraza from injuring himself, used both hands and bodyweight in order to stop him from kicking his legs.

To prevent Peraza from standing up, used both hands on Peraza's left shoulder and applied downward pressure.

Used both hands with downward pressure on Peraza's right side of his upper body to secure him on the ground.

Used both hands on Peraza's right shoulder and lifted Peraza from the ground and placed him in the Pro-Strait chair

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Secured lap belt and both shoulder straps during Pro-Strait chair placement.

#### Deputy Kobs #4857- *SK #4857*

Placed left hand on the back of Peraza's head and used moderate downward pressure to prevent him from standing.

Placed both hands on the back of Peraza's head and pushed it towards his lap by using his entire body weight to try to stop Peraza from throwing his head back.

Grabbed the back of Peraza's head, left bicep and pulled him to the ground to prevent Peraza from standing.

Placed left knee onto Peraza's left bicep to gain control of Peraza's left arm.

Left hand on the left side of Peraza's head and used moderate downward pressure to keep Peraza from lifting his head.

Used right hand and applied a wrist flex to Peraza's left wrist to stop him from grabbing his hand.

Used right and left hand and lifted Peraza by his left bicep and left shoulder to place in the Pro-Strait chair.

REPORTING DEPUTY	<i>P. CARDENAS</i>	ARJIS <i>3624</i>	DATE <i>072706</i>	TIME <i>0755</i>
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	<i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS <i>5827</i>	DATE <i>7-27-06</i>	TIME <i>0755</i>
WATCH COMMANDER (If required)	<i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS <i>1944</i>	DATE <i>07-27-06</i>	TIME <i>0759</i>



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## INMATE STATUS REPORT

### FORCE ( Deputy Kobs cont.):

Used right and left hand to control Peraza's left arm during Pro-Straint placement.

### Deputy Wilt #4966-

Right knee strike through wheelchair seat on Peraza's right ribcage area to prevent Peraza from headbutting.

Grabbed Peraza's legs with both hands and used downward pressure to prevent him from kicking deputies.

Secured Peraza's left leg with left ankle strap during Pro-Straint chair placement.

### Deputy S. Rodriguez #2919- *SR 2919*

Held Peraza's head with both hands under his lower jaw bone to prevent Peraza from head butting deputies during Pro-Straint chair placement.

### Deputy Brown #4677- *AB 4677*

Left hand on Peraza's chest to guide him into the Pro-Straint chair.

Right and left hand to apply a slight downward pressure to Peraza's right foot while Peraza was being secured to the Pro-Straint chair.

### Deputy Hoenig #2840-

Right knee to apply bodyweight to Peraza's right shin area to prevent Peraza from kicking him or other deputies.

Used both hands to grasp Peraza's right ankle while he was placed into Pro-Straint chair.

Secured Peraza's right ankle in the Pro-Straint chair right ankle restraint.

### Deputy Rhinelander #3781- *AR 3781*

Used right hand to apply downward pressure on Peraza's head to prevent him from getting up off the floor.

Right hand to apply downward pressure to Peraza's left leg to prevent him from kicking deputies during Pro-Straint chair placement.

REPORTING DEPUTY	<i>R. CARMENAS</i>	ARJIS <i>3624</i>	DATE <i>07-27-06</i>	TIME <i>0750</i>
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	<i>Jim McMahon</i>	ARJIS <i>5821</i>	DATE <i>7-27-06</i>	TIME <i>0755</i>
WATCH COMMANDER (If required)	<i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS <i>1444</i>	DATE <i>07-27-06</i>	TIME <i>0759</i>



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## INMATE STATUS REPORT

### WITNESSES

Deputy Crites #3500 *RD*

Sgt. Wicklander #4231

Sgt. Simmons #5230 *TS*

Lt. Licon #5150 *SL*

Sgt. Schroeder #5711 *JS*

REPORTING DEPUTY	<i>R-CARDENO</i>	ARJIS <i>3621</i>	DATE <i>072706</i>	TIME <i>0750</i>
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	<i>Jim Melon</i>	ARJIS <i>5927</i>	DATE <i>7-27-06</i>	TIME <i>0755</i>
WATCH COMMANDER (If required)	<i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS <i>1444</i>	DATE <i>07.27.06</i>	TIME <i>0759</i>

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LOCATION OF INCIDENT San Diego Central Jail			CITY San Diego			BEAT 024	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM Peraza, Alberto			SUSPECT (IF NAMED)			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, I was assigned as the Processing Sergeant at San Diego Central Jail when the following occurred.

**DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

Deputy Cardenas telephoned me and told me San Diego Police Department officers were requesting assistance with an inmate who was under the influence of drugs and alcohol and combative. I responded to the Vehicle Sallyport and observed PERAZA and spoke with the arresting officers. I determined that, due to PERAZA'S state of intoxication, he was in need of special observation in a controlled environment provided by a sobering cell.

I remained with the deputies while they placed PERAZA in a wheelchair and transported him to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. It was determined that PERAZA would be placed into a Prostraint chair. I observed as deputies placed PERAZA into a Prostraint chair. I was present when PERAZA was removed from the Prostraint chair and life saving measures were initiated on PERAZA by Sheriff's staff. I continued to observe as San Diego Fire Department arrived and took over life saving measures.

I remained with PERAZA until he was transported out of the Vehicle Sallyport by San Diego Fire Medics.

REPORTING OFFICER 	ARJIS # 5711	DIVISION DET	APPROVED BY: 	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 09	DAY 07	YEAR 06	TIME 1420
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT San Diego Central Jail		CITY San Diego			BEAT 021	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM		SUSPECT (IF NAMED) Alberto Peraza			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On 07-26-06, at approximately 2110 hours, I was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Movement Deputy Position at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ). I responded to a radio call for assistance, in the Vehicle Sally Port, with a combative inmate later identified as Alberto Peraza.

**DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

Peraza was on the ground in a prone position and was displaying combative behavior. Due to Peraza's combative behavior I thought it would be safer to escort Peraza in a wheelchair. I went inside the Medical Triage and got a wheel chair and brought it back outside. Peraza was assisted into the wheelchair. I rolled the wheelchair inside the Intake Sally Port. Peraza was dragging his feet so I could not push the chair forward. I turned the chair around and rolled it backwards.

Peraza was struggling and attempting to get out of the wheel chair. Peraza arched his back violently and head butted me in the stomach. To prevent Peraza from head butting me again I struck him with my right knee in the back of his right ribcage through the wheelchair seat. I rolled the wheelchair to the inmate elevator. Peraza continued to resist by dragging his feet and flinging his upper body weight around.

On the Second Floor in front of sobering cell #3 Peraza attempted to stand up from the wheelchair and fell to the ground. I grabbed Peraza's legs with my hands to prevent him from kicking other Deputies or myself.

When Peraza was placed into a Pro-Strait Chair, I assisted by securing Peraza's left leg with the left ankle strap.

Peraza was removed from the Pro-Strait chair and was placed on the ground, where I maintained control of Peraza's left leg until the Paramedics arrived. I released my hold on Peraza's left leg. I had no further contact with Peraza.

REPORTING OFFICER E. WILT	ARJIS # 4966	DIVISION DET	APPROVED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 7	DAY 27	YEAR 06	TIME 0652
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CODE SECTION AND DESCRIPTION (ONE INCIDENT ONLY) Deputy's Report		MONTH 07	DAY 26	YEAR 06	DAY OF WEEK WED
LOCATION OF INCIDENT San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ) 1173 Front St. 92101		CITY San Diego		BEAT 021	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM		SUSPECT (IF NAMED) Peraza, Alberto		PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On 07/26/06, at approximately 2110 hours, I was working the Intake Deputy Position at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ). I was notified of an Officer requesting help with his arrestee, later identified as Alberto Peraza, in the Vehicle Sallyport.

**DEPUTIES OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

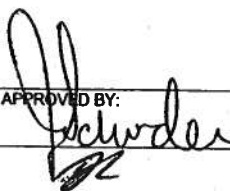
While in the Vehicle Sallyport, I assisted in securing a pair of handcuffs on Peraza's wrists. I then assisted in the removal of the Arresting Officer's handcuffs from Peraza's wrists. Using both my hands on Peraza's right bicep I lifted Peraza into the wheelchair. While being escorted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Peraza throw his head back at the deputies. To keep Peraza from throwing his head back again, I placed my left hand on the back of Peraza's head. Using moderate downward pressure, I pushed Peraza's head towards his lap. I continued the moderate downward pressure to the back of Peraza's head while we escorted Peraza to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Once on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Peraza continued to throw his head back. I placed both my right and left hand on the back of Peraza's head and used my entire body weight to try to stop Peraza from throwing his head back. Peraza was able to sit up in the wheelchair even with my entire body weight pushing down on the back of his head. Peraza sat up in the wheelchair and threw his head and upper body towards surrounding deputies. In an attempt to stop Peraza from standing up out of the wheelchair, I grabbed Peraza by the back of the head and by the left bicep and pulled him to the ground. Peraza continued to fight while on the ground. I placed my left knee onto Peraza's left bicep to gain control of Peraza's left arm. I placed my left hand on the left side of Peraza's head and used moderate downward pressure to keep Peraza from lifting his head. While on the ground Peraza tried to grab me with his left hand. To keep Peraza from grabbing me, I used my right hand to apply a Wrist Flex to Peraza's left wrist.

Using my right and left hands, I lifted Peraza by his left bicep and left shoulder. I assisted in placing Peraza into the Pro-Straint chair. I used my right and left hands to control Peraza's left arm. I assisted in securing the lap belt and the left shoulder belt on the Pro-Straint chair.

While removing Peraza from the Pro-Straint chair, I used my right and left hand on Peraza's left bicep to lift Peraza out of the Pro-Straint chair. I grabbed Peraza's left forearm with my right and left hands while the handcuffs were being removed. I maintained control of Peraza's left arm while the Nurse started an IV by placing my left hand on Peraza's left wrist and my right hand on Peraza's left bicep.

I had no further contact with Peraza.

REPORTING OFFICER S. KOBS	ARJIS # 4857	DIVISION DET.	APPROVED BY: 	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 07	DAY 27	YEAR 06	TIME 0020
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CODE SECTION AND DESCRIPTION (ONE INCIDENT ONLY) Prostraint chair placement use of force			MONTH 07	DAY 26	YEAR 06	DAY OF WEEK WED	TIME 2125
LOCATION OF INCIDENT San Diego Central Jail, 1173 Front Street			CITY San Diego, CA			BEAT 021	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM			SUSPECT (IF NAMED) Peraza, Alberto			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On 07-26-06, at approximately 2120 hours, I was working as the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Movement Deputy at San Diego Central Jail. I responded to a radio call by Sergeant Schroeder (5711) requesting two additional deputies on the second floor.

**DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

I responded to the second floor medical screening area. I observed deputies preparing to place an inmate, later identified as Alberto Peraza, into a Pro-strait chair. Peraza was lying on his back with other deputies around him. I took control of Peraza's right leg. I used my right knee to apply bodyweight to Peraza's right shin area to prevent Peraza from kicking myself or other deputies. I used both hands to grasp Peraza's right ankle while he was placed into the Pro-strait chair. I secured Peraza's right ankle in the Pro-strait chair right ankle restraint.

San Diego Central Jail Medical Staff medically evaluated Peraza and found no pulse. I removed Peraza's right ankle from the right ankle restraint. I used both hands to lift Peraza's right leg and assisted other deputies in placing Peraza on the ground. At approximately 2124 hours, I notified CCC that we had a 35 year old man down on the second floor. I notified CCC that the inmate was not conscious, had no pulse, and was not breathing. CCC notified me that they had already contacted emergency medical services (EMS) and they were en route to our location.

Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) Clinician (b)(5)(B) advised me that the liquid I was kneeling in was body fluid spit up by Peraza. I observed my right pant leg resting in a puddle of pink liquid. The pink liquid contained a pink chunky substance. My right pant leg was soaked in the pink liquid substance.

I secured Peraza's leg's using leg chains. When EMS arrived on scene, I removed the leg chains. I had no further contact with Peraza.

REPORTING OFFICER <i>S. HENIG</i>	ARJIS # 2840	DIVISION DET	APPROVED BY: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 7	DAY 26	YEAR 06	TIME 1310
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT San Diego Central Jail, 1173 Front St.				CITY San Diego		DAY OF WEEK WED TIME 2120
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM		SUSPECT (IF NAMED) Alberto Peraza			BEAT 021 PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

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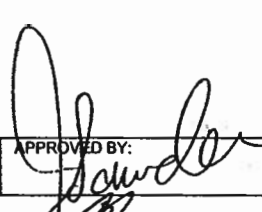
On 07/26/06 at approximately 2120 hours, I was assigned to the Search Deputy position at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ). I assisted in placing Inmate Alberto Peraza into a Pro-Strait chair.

**DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

While I was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor I heard a call on my radio of a sobering cell enroute to the second floor. I responded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Intake Sallyport. I observed a group of deputies transporting PERAZA in a wheelchair. I observed PERAZA violently thrashing his body and kicking with both of his legs while in the wheel chair. It was determined that PERAZA was to be placed into a Pro-Strait chair due to his state of intoxication and violent behavior.

PERAZA was to be removed from the wheel chair and placed into the Pro-Strait chair. PERAZA was assisted by deputies to a standing position but continued to resist. Due to PERAZA resisting the deputies he was placed on the floor in the prone position. While on the floor PERAZA continued to violently thrash his body and kick his legs. I used my right hand to apply downward pressure on PERAZA'S head. I did this to prevent PERAZA from attempting to get up off of the floor.

While on the floor PERAZA began to spit up a pink and orange color substance from his mouth. It was decided to place a spit sock on PERAZA'S face to prevent him from spitting on deputies. A spit sock was not located in a timely manner and it was decided to place a jail issued white shirt on his head as a temporary spit sock. I was handed the jail issued white shirt from Deputy Brown (4677). I placed the white shirt over the top of PERAZA'S head and draped it down in front of his facial area. At no time was the shirt restricting PERAZA'S ability to breathe normally. Once PERAZA was placed into the Pro-Strait chair, I used my right hand to apply downward pressure to PERAZA'S left leg. I did this to prevent him from kicking me or other deputies while his leg was being secured. I used no other force on PERAZA. I feel if I had not used the above mentioned force PERAZA would have assaulted me or the surrounded deputies.

REPORTING OFFICER <b>RHINELANDER</b>	ARJIS # <b>3781</b>	DIVISION <b>DET</b>	APPROVED BY: 	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH <b>07</b>	DAY <b>27</b>	YEAR <b>06</b>	TIME <b>0900</b>
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT <b>1173 Front St. San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ)</b>			CITY <b>San Diego</b>		BEAT <b>021</b>	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM			SUSPECT (IF NAMED) <b>Peraza Alberto</b>		PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

## ORIGIN:

On 07-26-06, at approximately 2123, I was assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Housing Deputy Position when I assisted in a Pro-Straint chair placement.

## DEPUTY'S OBSEREVATIONS AND ACTIONS:

I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Staging area, when I heard a radio transmission on the facility radio for two additional deputies to respond to the second floor. As I arrived on the second floor sobering cell area I observed several deputies having difficulty with an inmate. The inmate was later identified as Alberto Peraza.

When Peraza was placed in the Pro-Straint Chair, I held his head with both of my hands by placing them under his lower jaw bone incase he attempted to head butt any of the deputies. I then assisted other deputies by tightening both of the leg straps. I used no further force.

REPORTING OFFICER <b>S. RODRIGUEZ</b>	ARJIS # <b>2919</b>	DIVISION <b>DET</b>	APPROVED BY: 	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH <b>07</b>	DAY <b>26</b>	YEAR <b>06</b>	TIME <b>2123</b>
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT San Diego Central Jail - 1173 Front Street			CITY San Diego, Ca. 92101	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM State of California			BEAT 024	
SUSPECT (IF NAMED) Alberto Peraza (BN: 6423832)			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On 07-26-06, at approximately 2120 hours, I was working the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Movement deputy position at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ). I assisted with the pro-strait chair placement of inmate Peraza.

**DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

As Peraza was being seated into the pro-strait chair, I placed my left hand on Peraza's chest in an effort to guide Peraza back into the chair.

While Peraza was seated in the pro-strait chair, I used my right and left hands to apply a slight downward pressure to Peraza's right foot. I maintained this position as Deputy Hoenig (2840) was securing Peraza's right foot to the chair.

When it was determined Peraza required medical treatment, I assisted in guiding Peraza from the pro-strait chair to the floor. I placed my right hand under Peraza's left arm and my left hand on Peraza's left arm. I assisted in guiding Peraza from the pro-strait chair down to the floor.

As Peraza was lying prone on his back receiving medical attention, I maintained slight downward pressure to Peraza's left arm. I maintained this downward position to prevent any assaultive or aggressive movements from Peraza.

As Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was being performed on Peraza, I was assisted in removing the handcuffs from Peraza's right and left hands.

As a result of my use of force, I applied minimal pressure and at no time was Peraza injured.

REPORTING OFFICER 	ARJIS # 4677	DIVISION Det	APPROVED BY: 	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 07	DAY 27	YEAR 06	TIME 0315
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT San Diego Central Jail 1173 Front St,			CITY San Diego			BEAT 024	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM Peraza, Alerto			SUSPECT (IF NAMED)			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On 07/26/06 at 2120 hours, I was assigned as the night shift Watch Commander. I responded to an incident on the second floor involving Inmate Peraza.

**DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

On the above date and time I was assigned as the Watch Commander and was present during the critical incident involving Inmate Peraza. Inmate Peraza was placed in the Pro-Straint chair due to his combative behavior and being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Inmate Peraza was being placed in the chair when he was observed immediately passing out. Deputies checked for a pulse and if he was breathing. Peraza did not have a pulse and he was not breathing. The deputies and medical staff removed Peraza from the chair and began CPR. CPR was carried out until the paramedics arrived and took over the medical treatment.

REPORTING OFFICER: <i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS # 5150	DIVISION DET	APPROVED BY: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT			CITY			BEAT	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM Peraza, Alberto			SUSPECT (IF NAMED)			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On 7/26/06, I was assigned to the Security Sergeants at the San Diego Central Jail when I responded to an incident on the second floor med screening area.

**INVESTIGATION:**

After arriving on scene I observed deputies placing an inmate (later identified as inmate Peraza, Alberto) into a prostraint chair. I observed deputies were using a t-shirt to stop Peraza from spitting at them. I questioned Deputy Cardenas about if he had a spit sock (device used to place over an inmates head to prevent them from spitting). Deputy Cardenas said, "No." I proceeded to retrieve one from the Processing Sergeants office. When I arrived in the office, I could not locate a spit sock. I asked Deputy Montgomery in classification if she had a spit sock. Deputy Montgomery handed me her spit sock from her PAM mask.

I proceeded back to the medical screening area and handed the spit sock to Deputy Cardenas to be placed on Peraza. After the inmate was secured in the prostraint chair, he was immediately removed and placed on the floor and CPR was initiated. The nurse was called to the scene. I went to assist the nurse by helping roll the oxygen bottles to the scene of the incident from the nurses station on the second floor.

REPORTING OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i>	ARJIS # 1031	DIVISION DET	APPROVED BY: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 08	DAY 16	YEAR 06	TIME 1645
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LOCATION OF INCIDENT <b>San Diego Central Jail - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>			CITY <b>San Diego</b>			BEAT	
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM <b>Peraza, Alberto</b>			SUSPECT (IF NAMED)			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

**ORIGIN:**

On July 26, 2006, at about 2120 hours, I responded to an incident in progress on the second floor outside Sobering Cell #4.

**DEPUTY'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:**

As I arrived on the second floor, I noticed that members of the San Diego Fire Department were performing CPR on inmate Peraza in the Sobering Cell hallway. Numerous Deputies and Nurses, two Sergeants, a Lieutenant, and two Officers from San Diego Police Department along with members of the Fire Department were at the scene. I stood by to lend support if needed.

Paramedics arrived on scene and were briefed by Fire Dept. and Sheriff Personnel. An initial assessment was completed. Peraza was loaded on to a gurney. I escorted the paramedics to the vehicle sally port. Peraza was loaded into an ambulance and taken to UCSD for further medical treatment.

REPORTING OFFICER <i>TA Simmons</i>	ARJIS # <i>5230</i>	DIVISION <i>DET</i>	APPROVED BY: <i>A. H.</i>	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH <i>08</i>	DAY <i>17</i>	YEAR <i>06</i>	TIME <i>1400</i>
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**SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**Follow-up Investigative Report**

**Crime:** Death Investigation  
**Victim:** Peraza, Alberto  
**Location:** 200 West Arbor Drive  
**Date Occurred:** July 28, 2006

**Case Number:** 06055272H  
**City:** San Diego

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**ORIGIN:**

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 1845 hours, Homicide Sergeant Empson (#0819) notified me of an inmate death that occurred at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Medical Center, located at 200 West Arbor Drive in San Diego. The inmate, identified as Alberto Peraza (DOB: (b)(5)(A)), had suffered cardiac arrest while in custody at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ) on Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at approximately 2124 hours. Peraza was transported to UCSD Medical Center and he was placed on a life-support system. On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 1835 hours, Peraza was pronounced deceased.

I was at Palomar Medical Center on another death investigation and Sergeant Empson requested that I respond to the San Diego Central Jail after I finished my assignment at Palomar Medical Center.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 2120 hours, I arrived at SDCJ and met with other Sheriff's Department personnel.

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 2157 hours, I attended a briefing of the incident conducted by Sergeant Empson and Sergeant Schroeder (#5711). The following people attended the briefing:

1. Sergeant Empson	#0819	Homicide
2. Detective Altenhof	#1874	Homicide
3. Detective Tsuida	#2099	Homicide
4. Special Deputy Rissman	#5640	Homicide
5. Forensic Evid. Tech. (b)(5)(B)	(b)(5)(B)	Crime Lab
6. Lab Intern (b)(5)(B)	(b)(5)(B)	Crime Lab
7. Detective Rogers	#1072	Jail Investigations
8. Lieutenant Licon	#5150	SDCJ
9. Sergeant Schroeder	#5711	SDCJ
10. Deputy Simmons	#5230	SDCJ
11. Deputy Griner	#2717	SDCJ
12. Deputy Cardenas	#3624	SDCJ
13. Deputy Kobs	#4857	SDCJ
14. Deputy Wilt	#4966	SDCJ
15. Deputy Crites	#3500	SDCJ

Reporting Officer: W. Altenhof  ID# 1874

CID - HOMICIDE

Approved By: Sgt. R. Empson  ID# 0819

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16. Deputy Froistad	#3632	SDCJ
17. Sergeant Giammarino	#2014	Risk Management
18. Sergeant Swanegan	#1088	Training

**BRIEFING INFORMATION:**

**Sergeant Empson provided the following information during the briefing:**

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at approximately 1930 hours, the San Diego Police Department Communication Center received a telephone call from the decedent, Alberto Peraza (DOB: (b)(5)(A)). Peraza told the dispatcher he was being chased by ten people with guns in the 4200 block of Epsilon Street in San Diego. Prior to a police officer arriving in the area, Peraza flagged down a city transit bus and Peraza jumped on the front bike rack of the bus. Peraza then climbed through the open driver's window and the bus driver fled from the bus. Peraza damaged the interior of the bus after the driver fled.


A San Diego Police Officer responded to the area and Peraza got off the bus. Prior to the patrol vehicle coming to a stop, Peraza opened the back door of the patrol vehicle and he got into the rear passenger area. The San Diego Police Officer stopped his patrol vehicle and Peraza was locked inside. The police officer drew his firearm and he pointed it at Peraza. Peraza was yelling and he began kicking the rear passenger door of the patrol vehicle. The police officer ordered Peraza to stay inside the patrol vehicle. Peraza kicked the rear door window out and the police officer sprayed Peraza with Oleoresin Capsicum (OC). Additional patrol units arrived at the location, which included a clinician from the Psychological Evaluation Response Team (PERT), and Peraza was taken into custody. Peraza was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and for vandalism.

Peraza was transported to the San Diego Police Station and he was restrained to a chair with a seatbelt. Peraza was also handcuffed behind his back. After Peraza was processed at the police station, he was escorted to a patrol vehicle so that he could be transported to the San Diego Central Jail. Prior to getting in the patrol vehicle, Peraza became combative with the police officer. Peraza was placed onto the ground and his ankles were secured with a cord cuff. One cord cuff was used to hold both ankles together. Peraza was placed in the rear passenger area of a patrol vehicle and he was transported to the San Diego Central Jail. Peraza continually tried to get out of the restraints during the transit. The San Diego Police Officer notified the jail staff that he was en route to the jail with a combative prisoner and he arrived a short time later.

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**Sergeant Schroeder provided the following information during the briefing:**

The San Diego Police Department requested assistance in the vehicle sallyport with a combative prisoner. Sergeant Schroeder (#5711), Deputy Cardenas (#3624), Deputy Wilt (#4966), and Deputy Kobs (#4857) responded to the vehicle sallyport where they met with a San Diego Police Officer and a PERT clinician (At the time, Sergeant Schroeder believed the PERT clinician was also a police officer). The police officer and the PERT clinician briefed the sergeant and the deputies on the circumstances of Peraza's arrest. The police officer and the PERT clinician thought Peraza may have been under the influence of methamphetamines.

After the sergeant and the deputies were briefed on the circumstances of Peraza's arrest, the police officer removed Peraza from the back of the patrol vehicle. Peraza was still handcuffed and his ankles were secure with a cord cuff. Peraza stood up, took two steps, and fell to the floor. The two police department personnel took Peraza to the area of the intake sallyport and Peraza was placed on the floor. Peraza was singing religious scripture, yelling for Jesus, and cussing.

Due to Peraza's intoxicated state and combative demeanor, Sergeant Schroeder decided to bypass the medical screening process and place Peraza in a sobering cell on the second floor of the jail for his safety. Deputy Wilt retrieved a wheelchair to escort Peraza to the sobering cell and Peraza was assisted into the chair. Deputy Wilt began to push the wheelchair and Peraza dragged his feet, making it difficult for Deputy Wilt to push the wheelchair. Therefore, Deputy Wilt turned the chair around and began to pull it backwards. Peraza was struggling and he attempted to get out of the chair. Peraza arched his back and head butted Deputy Wilt in the stomach. Deputy Wilt kneed Peraza in the back through the padded panel on the back of the wheelchair. While Peraza was in the wheelchair, the deputies bent Peraza over at the waist so that he was looking down.

Peraza was escorted to the sobering cell on the second floor via the inmate elevator. Peraza continued to yell and he was uncooperative with the deputies. Due to Peraza's actions, it was decided to put Peraza in a Pro-Strait chair. A deputy went to get the Pro-Strait chair and Peraza continued to struggle with the deputies. Peraza tipped over in the wheelchair and he fell to the floor. The wheelchair was partially on Peraza's leg and Lieutenant Licon moved the wheelchair away. Peraza continued to struggle with the deputies while he was on the floor. Peraza also began to spit, but there was not a spit sock readily available. Therefore, a jail issued t-shirt was draped over Peraza's head as Peraza was placed in the Pro-Strait chair. A deputy held Peraza's head as Peraza was placed in the chair. Peraza was secure in the chair at approximately 2123 hours.

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After Peraza was placed in the chair, Peraza stopped struggling at approximately 2124 hours. Sergeant Schroeder told the deputies to remove the t-shirt from Peraza's head. Lieutenant Licon asked the deputies if Peraza was breathing or if he had a pulse. A nurse was present and Peraza was checked for a pulse. Peraza did not have a pulse and he was removed from the chair. The jail staff began Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and paramedics were called. The paramedics (San Diego Fire Medic #1) arrived at the facility and they were able to get a pulse from Peraza. Peraza was transported to UCSD Medical Center and he was placed on a life support system.

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 1835 hours, Peraza was pronounced deceased by Doctor (b)(5)(B) and Doctor (b)(5)(B) at UCSD Medical Center.

Sergeant Schroeder stated the following force was used by the deputies during the incident:

1. Peraza was kneed in the right rib cage area through the padded panel on the back of the wheelchair.
2. Downward pressure was applied to Peraza's left shoulder.
3. Downward pressure was applied to Peraza's head.
4. Peraza's head was pushed forward causing Peraza to bend at the waist.
5. Downward pressure was applied to Peraza's right shoulder.
6. Peraza's head was pushed down toward the floor.
7. A left knee was placed on Peraza's left bicep when Peraza was on the floor.
8. Downward pressure was applied to the left side of Peraza's head when Peraza was on the floor.
9. A wrist flex was applied to Peraza's left wrist.
10. Downward pressure was applied to the right side of Peraza's body when Peraza was on the floor.
11. Peraza's legs were held down when Peraza was on the floor.
12. A knee was placed on Peraza's right calf when Peraza was on the floor.
13. A t-shirt was draped over Peraza's head.
14. Peraza was lifted up and placed into the Pro-Straint chair.
15. Downward pressure was applied to Peraza's left thigh.
16. A deputy used his hands and placed them under Peraza's lower jaw bone to hold Peraza's head.
17. A shoulder belt, lap belt, and ankle restraints were used to secure Peraza to the Pro-Straint chair.

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During the briefing, Deputy Froistad (#3632) added that Peraza was in the emergency department at UCSD Medical Center two days prior to him being arrested by the San Diego Police Department. According to Deputy Froistad, Peraza went to the emergency department at UCSD Medical Center after he fell over a fence and down some stairs. Deputy Froistad stated Peraza left UCSD Medical Center on crutches due to having a non-weight bearing ankle.

**INVESTIGATION:** (Continued)

FET (b)(5)(B) had received a VHS tape from Deputy Simmons depicting the incident on the second floor of SDCJ. FET (b)(5)(B) gave the VHS tape to me so that I could copy and view it. I later placed the VHS tape into Sheriff's Evidence.

After the briefing ended, I responded to UCSD Medical Center where Peraza's body was located. Peraza's body was located in room #5 of the Critical Care Unit.

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 2325 hours, I arrived at UCSD Medical Center with other Sheriff's Department personnel. I met with Medical Examiner Investigator (b)(5)(B) and we went to room #5 in the Critical Care Unit. Upon arriving at room #5, we met with Deputy Hunter (#4037), who had secured the scene.

Peraza's body was lying supine in a hospital bed with a hospital blanket covering him. Peraza's head and face were not covered. Signs of medical intervention were obvious. Medical Examiner Investigator (b)(5)(B) checked Peraza's body for trauma and evidence.<sup>1</sup> FET (b)(5)(B) took several photographs of Peraza's body. During the processing of Peraza's body, I noticed the following injuries:

Bruise – left temple  
Abrasion – left shoulder  
Abrasion – left elbow  
Handcuff impressions – left wrist  
Abrasions – left knuckles  
Bruise – left ankle  
Blood blister – big toe, left foot  
Bruise/Abrasion – big toe, right foot  
Bruise – right ankle  
Bruise – right shin  
Abrasion – right knuckles  
Handcuff impressions – right wrist

<sup>1</sup> See Investigative Report by MEI (b)(5)(B) for details.

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Bruise – right forearm  
Abrasion – right elbow  
Bruise – below right temple  
Bruise – center abdomen, downward from right to left. (The bruise appeared as if it was caused by a strap or seatbelt.)

I also noticed two tattoos on Peraza's chest. One tattoo was on Peraza's left breast and it was the name "Sandra." The second tattoo was on Peraza's right breast and it was the name "Mackein's."

After Medical Examiner Investigator (b)(5)(B) processed Peraza's body for evidence, the body was placed in a white vinyl body bag. On Saturday, July 29, 2006, at approximately 0038 hours, the body bag was sealed with a green plastic tamper proof seal bearing number "0105048". Peraza's body was transported to the Medical Examiner's Office (ME Case# 06-1579) by HS&B Transportation employees (b)(5)(B) (b)(5)(B) and (b)(5)(B).

On Saturday, July 29, 2006, at approximately 0045 hours, I left UCSD Medical Center.

On Saturday, July 29, 2006, Doctor (b)(5)(B) of the Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on Peraza's body (ME Case# 06-1579). I did not attend the autopsy of Peraza's body. Doctor (b)(5)(B) later stated the cause and manner of death were pending laboratory and toxicological tests.<sup>2</sup>


On Friday, August 18, 2006, at approximately 1430 hours, Sergeant Empson, Doctor (b)(5)(B) of the Medical Examiner's Office, Doctor (b)(5)(B) of the Medical Examiner's Office, FET (b)(5)(B) and I went to the San Diego Central Jail to view and photograph the Pro-Straight chair Peraza was placed in. At Doctor (b)(5)(B) request, Doctor (b)(5)(B) was strapped into the Pro-Straight chair. FET (b)(5)(B) took several photographs of the chair with and without Doctor (b)(5)(B) in it.

On Wednesday, September 06, 2006, Sergeant Empson retrieved a VHS tape from Deputy Setter (#3242) at SDCJ and Sergeant Empson gave the tape to me. The VHS tape contained a video recording of the contact between the jail staff and Peraza on Wednesday July 26, 2006. The recording depicted the contact with Peraza from the intake sallyport through the time when the San Diego Fire Department transported Peraza from the jail. I later placed the VHS tape into Sheriff's Evidence.

<sup>2</sup> See Autopsy Report by Doctor (b)(5)(B) for details.

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A check of Peraza's criminal history

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**SUPPLEMENTAL FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION:**

On Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at approximately 1020 hours, Detective Tsuida (#2099) and I interviewed Alberto Peraza's mother, (b)(5)(B) at her residence, located at (b)(5)(B). The interview was recorded on a digital recorder and the recording was later transferred to a compact disc for evidence. The compact disc was later placed into Sheriff's Evidence.

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<sup>1</sup> See Statement of (b)(5)(B) by Detective Altenhof for details.

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**ORIGIN:**

On 07-28-06, at approximately 1905 hours, Sergeant Empson (#0819) received a call from the Sheriff's Communication Center regarding an in custody death. I was at the scene of another death investigation, so Sgt. Empson requested I respond to San Diego Central Jail (1173 Front Street in San Diego) when I was clear.

**INVESTIGATION:**

I arrived on scene at about 2110 hours. I met with Sergeant Empson, the lead investigator Detective W. Altenhof (#1874), Detective R. Rogers (#1072) from the Jail Investigations Unit and Crime Laboratory personnel. At about 2157 hours, I attended a briefing where Sergeant J. Schroeder (#5711) presented the facts of the case known to that point.

At the conclusion of the briefing, I responded to UCSD Hospital (200 West Arbor Drive, San Diego) to assist Detective Altenhof.

I was not tasked with any other assignments and secured from the scene at approximately 0100 hours.

Reporting Officer: Det. A. Tsuida *AT* ID# 2099

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**STATEMENT OF** (b)(5)(B)

**ORIGIN:**

On Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at approximately 1020 hours, Detective Tsuida (#2099) and I interviewed (b)(5)(B) at her residence, located at (b)(5)(B). (b)(5)(B) became emotionally upset and cried during portions of the interview. The interview was recorded with a digital recorder and I later transferred the recording to an access controlled server on the Sheriff's Computer network. The statement below is a synopsis of the interview (refer to the digital recording for complete details of the interview).

**WITNESS INFORMATION:**

(b)(5)(B)

Phone: (b)(5)(B)

**STATEMENT OF** (b)(5)(B)

(b)(5)(B) said her son, Alberto Peraza, had separated from his wife and he was staying with her. Peraza occasionally used drugs and (b)(5)(B) would get mad when he used them. (b)(5)(B) denied that Peraza would act crazy when he used drugs. (b)(5)(B) did not know what kind of drugs Peraza used. (b)(5)(B) did not see Peraza use the drugs, but she would see him when he was under the influence of drugs. (b)(5)(B) said she saw him under the influence of drugs three or four times. (b)(5)(B) said Peraza would act different when he was under the influence of drugs. (b)(5)(B) said Peraza would act nervous and walk around. Peraza would tell his mother not to worry when he was under the influence of drugs because he was taking pills for pain. (b)(5)(B) explained that Peraza had back surgery about three years ago.

(b)(5)(B) began crying and said that she thought he was okay. (b)(5)(B) said Peraza called her prior to his arrest and he asked her to "come for me." (b)(5)(B) said she knew her son and he was not crazy. (b)(5)(B) went to the scene where her son was arrested and she saw her son in the police car. (b)(5)(B) was told by someone that Peraza broke the window. A police officer told (b)(5)(B) not to worry because Peraza would not be going to jail. The

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police officer told (b)(5)(B) her son broke the window and he would be given a ticket for it. (b)(5)(B) said her son would never fight with anyone and that he never had a problem with anyone.

(b)(5)(B) denied that Peraza had any mental health problems. (b)(5)(B) had never seen Peraza act violent or paranoid in the past. Peraza never broke anything around the house when he was under the influence of drugs.

(b)(5)(B) confirmed Peraza had been involved in drug use when he was younger. (b)(5)(B) confirmed Peraza went to prison due to his drug usage. (b)(5)(B) said Peraza stopped using drugs for many years and that he was a minister at church. Peraza hurt his back while he was working and he was given morphine. Peraza then began using drugs again. According to (b)(5)(B) Peraza did not hallucinate when he used drugs. (b)(5)(B) said Peraza would sometimes use drugs once a week or twice a week.

(b)(5)(B) said she knew Peraza broke the window (of the police car) because he was panicking. (b)(5)(B) believed Peraza was panicking because of the drugs he took. (b)(5)(B) said she never saw her son like that in the past.

(b)(5)(B) said Peraza called her on the telephone prior to his arrest and he told her someone was trying to kill him. Peraza told his mother to "come for me." (b)(5)(B) never saw her son act crazy when he was under the influence of drugs. (b)(5)(B) said Peraza did not stay at her house every night. Peraza did not have a permanent home, but he kept his clothes at her place.

According to (b)(5)(B) Peraza did not act paranoid or scared when he was around her. Peraza had a lot of depression because he was separated from his wife.

(b)(5)(B) believed Peraza began using drugs when he was seventeen-years-old. (b)(5)(B) did not believe Peraza's behavior got any worse due to his drug use. (b)(5)(B) said she knew her son and he would only be nervous. Peraza would also have difficulty standing and sitting still when he was under the influence of drugs.

(b)(5)(B) said she had not seen Peraza for four days prior to his arrest on July 26, 2006. (b)(5)(B) said she could not find her son and she was mad. (b)(5)(B) had gone out looking for her son and she was told Peraza was staying with drug dealers. Two days prior to Peraza's arrest, Peraza called (b)(5)(B) other son and Peraza asked him to come get him. (b)(5)(B) other son went to get Peraza, but Peraza was no longer at the location he said he was at.

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Case #: 06055272

Event #: 1

Crime: JAIL DEATH

Event Date: 7/28/2006

Time Notified: 8:35 PM

By whom: W. ALTENHOF

Event Address: SAN DIEGO CENTRAL JAIL

General Location: SAN DIEGO

Time Arrived: 9:15 PM

Time Of Departure: 12:45 AM

Name/Title: (b)(5)(B) FORENSIC EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN/ARJIS (b)(5)

Detective: W. ALTENHOF

Detail: HOMICIDE

Team: 2

Agency: SDSO

Victim: PERAZA, ALBERTO

Suspect:

Service Requested: PHOTOGRAPHS

**Narrative:**

On Friday, July 28, 2006, at approximately 2035, I was contacted by Sheriff's Homicide Detective W. ALTENHOF and asked to respond to a jail death located at San Diego Central Jail. I arrived at approximately 2115 with Forensic Intern (b)(5)(B) and met Sheriff's Homicide Team 2 personnel. I received one VHS tape from Deputy SIMMONS and released this tape to Detective ALTENHOF.

After the briefing, I followed Detective ALTENHOF to UCSD Hospital and arrived at approximately 2330. Under the direction of Detective ALTENHOF, I proceeded to take overall and specific photographs of the victim ALBERTO PERAZA. I finished left with Forensic Intern (b)(5)(B) at approximately 0045.

I took all photographs with a Nikon D200 camera and a 24-85 variable lens. I impounded two CD's with one hundred five color images on each CD into the Sheriff's Property and Evidence Unit (please see attached evidence list). I released three CD's with one hundred five color images on each CD to Detective ALTENHOF.

Reported By:

(b)(5)(B)

8/2/06

Reviewed By

(b)(5)(B)

Report Date: 8/2/2006

(b)(5)(B)

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**Case #:** 06055272

**Event #:** 2

**Crime:** DEATH INVESTIGATION

**Event Date:** 7/28/2006

**Time Notified:** 8:35 PM

**By whom:** (b)(5)(B)

**Event Address:** CENTRAL JAIL

**General Location:** SAN DIEGO

**Time Arrived:** 9:15 PM

**Time Of Departure:** 12:45 AM

**Name/Title:** (b)(5)(B) /FORENSIC INTERN

**Detective:** W. ALTENHOF

**Detail:** HOMICIDE

**Team:** 2

**Agency:** SDSO

**Victim:** PERAZA, ALBERTO

**Suspect:**

**Service Requested:** OBSERVE AND AID F.E.T WITH DEATH INVESTIGATION

**Narrative:**

On Friday, 07/28/2006, I arrived at the Central Jail with Forensic Evidence Technician (F.E.T.) (b)(5)(B) at approximately 2115 hours. I attended the briefing.

We left the Central Jail at approximately 2321 hours and arrived at UCSD hospital at approximately 2330 hours.

I observed F.E.T. (b)(5)(B) take photographs of Alberto Peraza. I aided by holding the ruler for the photographs.

I finished this assignment and left the UCSD hospital at approximately 0045 hours.

**Reported By:**

(b)(5)(B)

**Reviewed By:**

(b)(5)(B)

**Report Date:** 8/22/2006

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**Case #:** 06055272

**Event #:** 3

**Crime:** DEATH INVESTIGATION

**Event Date:** 8/18/2006

**Time Notified:** 8:00 AM

**By whom:** WILL ALTENHOF

**Event Address:** SAN DIEGO CENTRAL JAIL

**General Location:** SAN DIEGO

**Time Arrived:** 2:30 PM

**Time Of Departure:** 3:30 PM

**Name/Title:** (b)(5)(B) /FORENSIC EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN/ARJIS (b)(5)(B)

**Detective:** WILL ALTENHOF

**Detail:** HOMICIDE

**Team:** 2

**Agency:** SDSO

**Victim:** PERAZA, ALBERTO

**Suspect:**

**Service Requested:** PHOTOGRAPHY

**Narrative:**

On Friday, 08/18/2006, at approximately 0800 hours Homicide Detective Will Altenhof called me and asked me to meet him at the San Diego Central Jail Downtown. I arrived at the jail at approximately 1430 hours and met with Det. Will Altenhof, Homicide Sergeant Rick Empson, and Medical Examiner personnel.

I then began to take photographs of the "Pro-Straint" chair itself and with Dr. (b)(5)(B) strapped into the "Pro-Straint" chair.

I took approximately 25 digital photographs. I used Nikon D-200 digital camera with a 24-85mm lens.

I finished my assignment and left the jail at approximately 1530 hours.

**Reported By:**

(b)(5)(B)

8-23-06

**Reviewed By**

(b)(5)(B)

**Report Date:** 8/23/2006

(b)(5)(B)

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Suspect(s):

Victim(s): PERAZA, ALBERTO

Name/Title: (b)(5)(B)

Crime: JAIL DEATH

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Item	Item Description	Location/Source	Submitted By
1	"Master" CD with 105 images on CD.	UCSD Hospital.	(b)(5)(B)
1.01	"Working" CD with 105 images on CD.	UCSD Hospital.	(b)(5)(B)

Reported By

Reviewed By

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Victim(s): PERAZA, ALBERTO

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2	"CD-R" containing 25 digital photographs. (MASTER CD)	Photos of "Pro-Straint" chair and chair with Dr. (b)(5)(B) strapped into the chair.	(b)(5)(B)
2.01	"CD-R" containing 25 digital photographs. (WORKING CD)	Photos of "Pro-Straint" chair and chair with Dr. (b)(5)(B) strapped into the chair.	(b)(5)(B)

Reported By

(b)(5)(B)

8-23-06

(b)(5)(B)

Reviewed By

(b)(5)(B)

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PERSON SUBMITTING (OTHER THAN DEPARTMENT)		(b)(5)(B)		OUTSIDE AGENCY		OUTSIDE AGENCY CASE NO.			
ADDRESS				PHONE					
HAS OTHER EVIDENCE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ON THIS CASE? Yes							LAB SERVICE? No		
PEOPLE AFFILIATED WITH THE LISTED PROPERTY									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RP	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) Peraza, Alberto					RACE H	SEX M	DOB (b)(5)(A)	AGE 34
<input type="checkbox"/> W DC	HOME ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP (b)(5)(A)					HOME PHONE			
<input type="checkbox"/> S SP	EMPLOYER SCHOOL INFORMATION (RANK IF MILITARY) BUSINESS OR MILITARY ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP					BUSINESS PHONE			
EVIDENCE INFORMATION SECTION									
ITEM # 3	LAB SERVICE? No	ITEM DESCRIPTION Videotape - 2nd floor SDCJ				QUANTITY 1			
MAKE VHS		MODEL		CALIBER		VALUE			
ID/SERIAL NUMBER		EVIDENCE TYPE Criminal Case		FILE CONTROL #					
PROP. AFFILIATION State of Califo		NAME		SEARCH WARRANT?		FINDER WISHES TO CLAIM?			
<div style="text-align: right;">S.D. SHERIFF P&amp;E</div>  <div style="text-align: right;">*I0825622*</div>									
ITEM # 4	LAB SERVICE? No	ITEM DESCRIPTION Videotape - entire contact at SDCJ				QUANTITY 1			
MAKE VHS		MODEL		CALIBER		VALUE			
ID/SERIAL NUMBER		EVIDENCE TYPE Criminal Case		FILE CONTROL #					
PROP. AFFILIATION State of Califo		NAME		SEARCH WARRANT?		FINDER WISHES TO CLAIM?			
<div style="text-align: right;">S.D. SHERIFF P&amp;E</div>  <div style="text-align: right;">*I0825623*</div>									
ITEM # 5	LAB SERVICE? No	ITEM DESCRIPTION Compact Disc - Interview (b)(5)(B)				QUANTITY 1			
MAKE		MODEL		CALIBER		VALUE			
ID/SERIAL NUMBER		EVIDENCE TYPE Criminal Case		FILE CONTROL #					
PROP. AFFILIATION State of Califo		NAME		SEARCH WARRANT?		FINDER WISHES TO CLAIM?			
<div style="text-align: right;">S.D. SHERIFF P&amp;E</div>  <div style="text-align: right;">*I0825624*</div>									
ANALYSIS (Lab use only)									
ANALYSIS TYPE	PERSON ASSIGNED	ITEMS	DATE ASSIGNED	DATE COMPLETED	REGULAR TIME	OVERTIME	ADDITIONAL PROCESS		

END OF REPORT

PROPERTY/EVIDENCE FORM

# DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION

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WARRANT <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> OUT		AGENCY S.D.P.D.		ARJIS ASSISTED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Y] <input type="checkbox"/> [N]		PAGE 1 OF 1		AGENCY NUMBER		
ARREST DATE 7-26-06		TIME 2000		BEAT/DISTRICT 442		RELATED REPORTS		SDPD BOOKING NUMBER		
CHARGE(S) 11550 H&S - Under The Influence of a Controlled Substance								CITATION NUMBER		
PERSON ARRESTED (L,F,M) PERARA, ALBERTO								ADULT RELEASES OR <input type="checkbox"/> 849 PC B1 <input type="checkbox"/> B2 <input type="checkbox"/>		
ADDITIONAL CHARGES 559(B)(9) PC										
RACE H	SEX M	AGE 35	DATE OF BIRTH (b)(5)(A)		PLACE OF BIRTH SAN JUAN	HT. 5-11	WT. 200	BUILD MED	HAIR BLK	EYES BLU

## FACTS ESTABLISHING ELEMENTS OF CRIME AND IDENTIFICATION

Probable Cause to make contact with the arrestee: 911 CALL. SUBJECT WAS VIOLENT ON A BUS. UPON ARRIVAL HE JUMPED INTO OFFICE PRECINCT PATHS VEHICLE AND KICKED OUT THE WINDOW.

I observed the following objective symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal walk                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry mouth      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nodding                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agitated           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hallucinations | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-communicative           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bad body odor      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperactivity             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain tolerance              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bad complexion                | <input type="checkbox"/> Lethargic movements       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paranoia         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blank stare                   | <input type="checkbox"/> memory loss               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Profuse sweating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brittle finger nails          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mood elevations           | <input type="checkbox"/> Scratching                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapped lips                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle rigidity           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepy look                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold & clammy skin            | <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal irritation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Strong thirst               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constricted pupils | <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal residue             | <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual behavior            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dilated pupils                | <input type="checkbox"/> Nauseated                 | <input type="checkbox"/>                             |

Other symptoms:

I asked the arrestee to close his her eyes for a period of about sixty seconds (60 secs). I then examined his/her eyes and saw that the pupils were CONSTRICTED with little or no reaction to light.

I placed the arrestee under arrest for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

I have received formal training and have field experience in the recognition of narcotic influence symptomology. I have made approximately 100 arrests of persons for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Additional expertise N/A

Based on all of the above, I formed the opinion that the arrestee was under the influence of a controlled substance.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Executed on 7.26.06 In the County of San Diego, California,

By S. HARRIS 5591  
(Declarant's Signature and ID Number)

On the basis of the foregoing Declaration, I hereby determine that there:

IS FOUL IS NOT ☐ Probable cause to believe this arrestee has committed a crime.

(Date)

(Time)

(Magistrate's Signature)

By:

ROBERT Q. COATES

(Telephonic Approval)

# SAN DIEGO CENTRAL JAIL

DAY SHIFT

DAY: Wednesday 7-26-06

TEAM FOUR

0600-1830

SECURITY STAFFING

MIN STAFFING 38

ACTUAL STAFFING 37

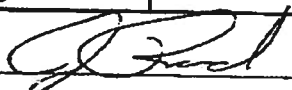
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ABSENCE/REASON

REPLACEMENT

*WATCH COMMANDER	Lt. Rodi, J #1444		
*PROCESSING SGT. (1,2)	Sgt. Mabeus, J #5927		
*SECURITY SGT. (3,4,5)	Sgt. Hightower, B #5101		
*MOVEMENT SERGEANT. (6,7,8)	Sgt. Rinehart, J #5749		
01. *INTAKE CONTROL	Fukushima, J #4559		
02. *INTAKE CONTROL	Duarte, A #3110	BDT/CTL	Stubblefield, J #4490/TIII 1030
03. *INTAKE DEPUTY	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Grijalva, G (TO) #4325
04. *INTAKE DEPUTY	Navarro, J #4864		
05. *TRANS	Wooldridge, T #4072		
06. *TRANS	Gertzki, R #3758		
07. *CCC	Curtin, K #4523		
08. *CCC	Radovich, J #4510		
09. *SEARCH	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Downhour, D #5337
10. *SEARCH	Sanchez, R #5372	2.5 EA	
MED SCREENING	NOT COVERED		
11. *BOOKING	Rudisill, R #4500	2.5 LA	
12. *MEDICAL CTC	Martinez, M #3442	2.5 LA	
13. *PSU CTC	Froistad, E #3632		
14. *4TH FLOOR CONTROL	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Worth, M #3299
15. *4TH FLOOR HOUSING	Madden, R (Cpl) #3052		
16. *4TH FLOOR HOUSING	Delcarmen, R (Cpl) #4138	VAT 103	Betancourt, P #4910
17. *5TH FLOOR CONTROL	Clements, J #4305 (TO)		
18. *5TH FLOOR HOUSING	Knowles, W #4856		
19. *5TH FLOOR HOUSING	Forbes, M #4715 (TO)	VAT 103	Rodriguez, R #4576
20. *6TH FLOOR CONTROL	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Castro, E #5569
21. *6TH FLOOR HOUSING	Nygaard, C #3280	SLT 101	Villarreal, #3997
22. *6TH FLOOR HOUSING	Johnson, S #4010		
23. *7TH FLOOR CONTROL	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Prevost, M #4435
24. *7TH FLOOR HOUSING	Vuong, A #3998		
25. *7TH FLOOR HOUSING	Justice, S #1877		
26. *8TH FLOOR CONTROL	McCracken, C #3234	2.5 EA	
27. *8TH FLOOR HOUSING	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Toomalatai, T #3686
28. *8TH FLOOR HOUSING	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Gutierrez, A #3437
29. *KEY CONTROL	Mula, M #4534	U/D	
30. *1ST	Park, S #4964		
31. *2ND	LeClaire, L #2580	2.5 EA	
32. *3RD CTC	White, W #3388 (TO)		
33. *4TH	Cooper, K #5495	VAT 103	Hedgecock, R #4880
34. *5TH	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Velasquez, P #5384
35. *6TH	Rios, L #4210		
36. *7TH	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Filtcraft, D #4616
37. *8TH	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Nguyen, D #0716
MOVEMENT RELIEF	NOT COVERED		
38. *SUPPORT SERVICES	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Castro, G #3868
39. INTAKE RELIEF	Bowen, S #5529	TTD	NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
40. RELEASE RELIEF	King, W #5772/Tad Admin		NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
41. TRANS RELIEF	Brown, F#0058/120 Re-H		NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
42. SEARCH/MD SCRIN RELIEF	Weatherford, #4133/120 Re-H		NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
43. CCC RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
44. MOVEMENT RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
45. MOVEMENT RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
46. MOVEMENT RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
47. MOVEMENT RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
LINE-UP TRAINING			

WIC SIGNATURE



## SAN DIEGO CENTRAL JAIL

NIGHTSHIFT

DAY: Wednesday July 26, 2006

TEAM 3

1800-0630

SECURITY STAFFING

MIN STAFFING 35

ACTUAL STAFFING 35

\*DENOTES REQUIRED STAFFING-OVERTIME AUTHORIZED

ABSENCEREASON

REPLACEMENT

*WATCH COMMANDER	LT Licon, S #5150		
*PROCESSING SGT. (1,2)	Sgt. Schroeder, J #5711		
*SECURITY SGT. (3,4,5)	Sgt. Atencio, D #4076	HOL	Sgt. Wicklander, S #4231
*MOVEMENT SERGEANT. (6,7,8)	Sgt. Simmons, T #5230		
01. *INTAKE CONTROL	Gonzales, L #3445		
02. *INTAKE CONTROL	Cortez, A #4953		To Hospital
03. *INTAKE DEPUTY	Kobs, S #4857		
04. *INTAKE DEPUTY	Kallas, K #4855		
05. *TRANS	Hunter, O #4037		To Hospital
TRANS	NOT COVERED		
06. *CCC	Dailly, J #4702		
07. *CCC	Anderson, M (Cpl) #4203	LD	
08. *SEARCH/MED SCREENING	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Rhineland, A #3781
09 *SEARCH/MED SCREENING	Martinez, R (TO) #3513		
MED SCREENING	NOT COVERED		
10. *BOOKING	Crites, R #3500		
11. *MEDICAL CTC	Rogers, G #4062		
12. *PSU CTC	Kopchak, S #3635		
13. *4TH FLOOR CONTROL	Cox, E. #5488		
14. *4TH FLOOR HOUSING	Sheahan, N (TO) #2705		
15. *4TH FLOOR HOUSING	Shaw, R #2851		
16. *5TH FLOOR CONTROL	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Castro, I #3224
17. *5TH FLOOR HOUSING	Villota, A #3776		
18. *5TH FLOOR HOUSING	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Rodriguez, S #2919
19. *6TH FLOOR CONTROL	Dennstedt, S #0881		
20. *6TH FLOOR HOUSING	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Campbell, N # 4595
21. *6TH FLOOR HOUSING	Cardenas, R #3624		
22. *7TH FLOOR CONTROL	Seeley, H #3663 (TO)		
23. *7TH FLOOR HOUSING	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Meyers, J #3051/Russell 3128
24. *7TH FLOOR HOUSING	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Creighton/Swiney, J #3302
25. *8TH FLOOR CONTROL	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Newlander, P #4408
26. *8TH FLOOR HOUSING	Flood IV, G/Dobson	PHS TRN 122	
27. *8TH FLOOR HOUSING	Salenko, E #5323		
28. *KEY CONTROL	Massie, C #5778		
29. *1ST	Wilt, E #4966		
30. *2ND	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Brown, D.
31. *3RD CTC	Griner, K #2717		
4TH	NOT COVERED		
5TH	NOT COVERED		
32. *6TH	Haggerty, W #5455		
33. *7TH	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Hoenig, S #2840/DeSalme # 4772
34. *8TH	Roelens, C #2702	SPT 101	Gale # 4869 1st half
35. *SUPPORT SERVICES	VACANT POSITION	VACANT 107	Willis, F #0735 til 0400
36. MOVEMENT RELIEF	Paiva, K #5883	VAT 103	NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
37. INTAKE RELIEF	Wilcox, J (TO) #3297	CTT 111	NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
38. RELEASE RELIEF	Salazar, Jr., R (Cpl) 0722	CTT 111	NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
39. TRANS RELIEF	Dobson, K #4968	PHS TRN 122	NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
40. SEARCH/MD SCRIN RELIEF	Montero, V #4533 TTD	TTD	NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
41. CCC RELIEF	Allen, D #4591	VAT 103	NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
42. MOVEMENT RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
43. MOVEMENT RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
44. MOVEMENT RELIEF			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED
LINE-UP TRAINING			NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED

W/C SIGNATURE



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CA INFO	NAME OF DECEASED <b>PERAZA , Cruz Alberto</b>		AKA	HIO <input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER <b>2006-01579</b>	
	INVESTIGATOR (b)(5)(B)	REPORTED BY (b)(5)(B)	REPORTING AGENCY UCSD Medical Center		PREVIOUS WAIVE #	
	CALL DATE AND TIME 7/28/2006 1919	ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME 7/28/2006 2007		RETURN DATE AND TIME		
ENT E	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 7/28/2006 1835		DATE OF BIRTH (b)(5)(A)	AGE 34 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Hispanic Mexican
	RESIDENCE (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) (b)(5)(A)			COUNTY San Diego	LAST SEEN ALIVE	
	COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (b)(5)(A)	OCCUPATION (b)(5)(A)		PAID AUTOPSY <input type="checkbox"/>		
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH UCSD Medical Center			TYPE OF PLACE Hospital		
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 200 W. Arbor Drive, SD, CA, 92103					
	SUMMARY The decedent was a 34-year-old married, but separated Hispanic male who resided in San Diego. On 7/26/06 the decedent was taken into San Diego Police custody for possibly being under the influence after he made a 911 call and then boarded a bus exhibiting strange behavior. The decedent was transported to San Diego Central Jail where he continued to remain combative and was noted to become unresponsive after being placed in a restraint chair. 911 was called and the decedent was transported to UCSD Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on 7/28/06.					
	Medical Examiner's jurisdiction invoked according to the California Government Code 27491: Deaths in prison or while under sentence.					
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT Unknown		INCIDENT PLACE TYPE Other			
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) Undetermined, Undetermined,		COUNTY			
	DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT Unknown Unk	INVESTIGATING AGENCY San Diego Sheriff	OFFICER Detective R. Empson	BADGE #	REPORT #	
	DECEDENT WAS	BELTED No	HELMETED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	POSITION	ON PRIVATE PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
	VEHICLE			LICENSE NUMBER		STATE
NOTIFICATION	IDENTIFIED BY UCSD Medical Center Staff		METHOD Personal Effects		DATE AND TIME 07/29/2006 1	
	FUNERAL HOME Thresholds	PROPERTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR False <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		TYPE OF EXAM Autopsy	
	NAME OF NOK OR OTHER	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED		NOTIFIED BY	

<b>San Diego Medical Examiner</b>	<b>Case Number</b> : 06-01579
<b>5555 Overland Avenue, Ste 1411</b>	<b>Investigator</b> (b)(5)(B)
<b>San Diego, CA 92123</b>	<b>Date of Death</b> : 07/28/2006
<b>(858) 694-2895</b>	<b>Date Today</b> : 08/28/2006

## INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE

**Decedent:** Cruz Alberto Peraza

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### Antemortem Events:

On 7/29/06, the following information was obtained from San Diego Police Department dispatch incident log: On 7/26/06 at 1931 hours, the decedent called 911 from the home of a neighbor, reporting that ten people with guns were threatening him. The call came back to a location of (b)(5)(A). Further documentation indicates the line remained open and the male was “screaming for help” and “crying out someone’s name”. At 1934 hours, (b)(5)(B) from a separate address, called reporting that a male was “going crazy” out in the street and had boarded a public bus. Further calls at 1936 hours from a female reported a male was fighting with the bus driver. Officers arrived on scene and at 1938 hours it was reported that the decedent entered the back of a San Diego Police Department Vehicle and a moments later kicked out the window of the vehicle.

On 7/29/06, the following information was obtained from San Diego Sheriff’s Department Inmate Status Report as filed by Deputy R. Cardenas: On 7/26/06 Deputies were called to assist for a combative inmate in the vehicle sallyport. The decedent had been arrested for being under the influence by San Diego Police. The decedent was viewed yelling incoherently inside the patrol car and “moving violently” and “thrashing his body around”. When the police vehicle was opened, the decedent was unable to get out but lunged at officers, lost his balance and fell on the floor. While on the floor the decedent kicked his legs and “thrashed” violently, all the while in cuffs on his legs and cord cuffs. Deputy R. Cardenas reports he used his bodyweight and hands in order to stop him from continuing to kick his legs and injury himself. The decedent was described as “sweating profusely” and his “body smelled like chemicals” and was “cold and clammy”. The decedent continued to be combative and the Sgt. Schroeder informed Deputy R. Cardenas that the decedent would be placed in a “sobering cell” for his safety. Deputy R. Cardenas placed his handcuffs on the decedent while removing the arresting officer’s cuffs and at that time the decedent attempted to grab his hand. He was placed in a wheelchair for transport and continued to kick his legs. Deputy Wilt was pulling the wheelchair

(the decedent was dragging his feet and the wheelchair could not be pushed forward) and the decedent attempted to get out of the wheelchair and struck Deputy Wilt in the stomach with his head. Deputy Wilt struck the decedent in the back of his right ribcage through the wheelchair back to prevent further head butting. Deputy R. Cardenas then placed both his hands on the decedent's left shoulder and applied downward pressure to keep him seated in the wheelchair. Deputy Kob placed his left hand on the back of the decedent's head and "used moderate downward pressure to push his head towards his lap." This apparently continued until the decedent was escorted to the "sobering cells" located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

On arrival on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor the decedent continued to be combative by yelling and attempting to break free. He stood up and lunged at Deputy Kob and Cardenas. Deputy Kob grabbed the back of the decedent's head and left bicep and pulled him to the ground. Deputy Kobs attempted to control the decedent by the following: Deputy Kobs placed his left knee on the decedent's left bicep, left hand on the left side of the decedent's head with moderate downward pressure to keep his head on the ground and right hand to apply a "wrist flex" to the decedent's left wrist. Deputy R. Cardenas placed his hands on the right side of the decedent's upper body and pushed downward. Deputy Wilt grabbed the decedent's legs to prevent kicking. Lt. Licon removed the wheelchair which had fallen over when the decedent lunged from it. Deputy Rhinelander also used his right hand to apply downward pressure on the decedent's head. The decedent reportedly continued to be combative by yelling and kicking. He then began to spit. Deputy Rhineland used a jail issued white shirt as a temporary spit sock and placed the shirt over the top of the decedent's head and "draped it down the front of his head". The shirt did not reportedly restrict the decedent's ability to breathe normally.

The decedent was placed in a restraint chair at 2120 hours due to continued combative behavior. The decedent continued to kick out and Deputy Wilt held his left ankle, Deputy Rhinelander applied downward pressure on the decedent's left upper thigh while his left leg was secured and Deputy Hoenig used his hands to hold the decedent's right leg. Deputy Rodriguez held the decedent's head by "using both of his hands under his lower jaw bone to prevent him from head butting the deputies". Deputy Brown put her left hand on the decedent's chest in efforts to guide him back into the chair. Deputy Kobs used his hands to control the decedent's left arm and Deputy R. Cardenas was able to secure the lap belt, and right and left shoulder belts. Deputy Hoenig applied the right ankle restraint and deputy Wilt applied a left ankle restraint. The decedent continued to be combative during the securing of the leg straps and he was completely restrained in the chair at 2123 hours.

At 2124 hours Deputy R. Cardenas noted the decedent stopped resisting. He reports "Peraza's mouth was moving but his body seemed relaxed". There was no pulse found and a sternal rub was performed with no response. Nurse (b)(5)(B) was called and was unable to find a pulse. Deputies immediately began loosening straps and started CPR.

#### **Past Medical History and Surgery:**

(b)(5)(C)

[REDACTED]

#### **Medical Intervention and Hospitalization:**

On 7/29/06, the following information was obtained from UCSD Medical Center medical records: San Diego Fire Department Medic Unit #1 responded to San Diego Central Jail and found cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was in progress. Estimated down time on arrival was thirteen minutes. The decedent was reportedly in handcuffs and belly chain. Pupils were 5 mm and fixed and dilated. Initial oxygen saturation was 60%. Medics continued CPR and administered 1 mg of Atropine and 1 mg of Epinephrine at 2127 hours. Mr. Peraza was intubated and received 2 mg of Narcan. Vital signs were regained at 2135 hours with a pulse of 116, blood pressure 90/54 and respirations 10 with EKG reading of sinus tachycardia. The decedent was then transported to the Emergency Room (ER) at UCSD and was admitted to the hospital at 2157 hours. Initially Mr. Peraza had a rectal temperature of 104.3 °F. Toxicology report was positive for the presence of amphetamines, tetrahydrocannabinoids and opiates. Abrasions were noted to shoulder, shins and knuckles. On 7/27/06, notes by (b)(5)(B) indicated the decedent was in acute renal failure due to rhabdomyolosis. The decedent was admitted to the CCU. Nephrology consult of 7/26/06 indicated the decedent had an initial potassium of



10 which was treated with Kayexalate (b)(5)(B) consultation stated that the elevated potassium reflected a post arrest effect but that his potassium was “undoubtedly high before this happened and it may have triggered the initial arrest”. The decedent remained ventilated and on pressor support. A social worker note of 7/27/06 indicated the decedent’s family was aware of the poor prognosis. The decedent continued to decline in condition and was extubated and expired shortly thereafter.

#### **Body and Scene Description:**

On 7/28/06, Inv. (b)(5)(B) viewed the decedent’s body lying supine in a hospital bed. The decedent’s abdomen was cooling to the touch, rigor was present to the body and lividity was forming inappropriate areas to positioning. Bruising was noted to the decedent’s bilateral lower extremities, abrasions were on the decedent’s knuckles, wrists and left shoulder. The decedent had tattoos of “Sandra” on his left chest above the nipple line and “Mackien’s” on the right chest above the nipple line. Multiple articles of medical intervention were on the decedent’s body.

On 7/28/06, HS&B Transport personnel (b)(5)(B) placed the decedent in a clean white pouch and affixed green tamper evident seal # 0105048 for transport to the Medical Examiner’s Office.

#### **Special Requests:**

No special requests.

#### **Identification:**

The decedent was identified by UCSD Medical Center staff.

#### **Tissue Donation:**

Tissue donation not pursued.

**Antemortem Blood:**

1 vial of antemortem was collected by Investigator (b)(5)(B) and transported to the Medical Examiner's Office.

On 7/28/06, Investigator (b)(5)(B) additionally obtained one yellow vial of blood drawn by UCSD Medical Center laboratory staff on 7/28/06 at 1425 hours.

**Public Administrator:**

This case was not referred to the Public Administrator's Office.

**Other Important Factors:**

At the time of arrest on 7/26/06, San Diego Police obtained a blood specimen for their independent testing.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(b)(5)(B)

**Medical Examiner Investigator**

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



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## AUTOPSY REPORT

<b>Name:</b>	CRUZ ALBERTO PERAZA	<b>ME#:</b>	06-1579
<b>Place of death:</b>	UCSD Medical Center San Diego, CA 92103	<b>Age:</b>	34 Years
<b>Date of death:</b>	July 28, 2006; 1835 Hours	<b>Sex:</b>	Male
<b>Date of autopsy:</b>	July 29, 2006; 0940 Hours		

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CAUSE OF DEATH: ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

Due To: COMPLICATIONS OF RESUSCITATED CARDIAC ARREST

Due To: EXCITED DELIRIUM

Due To: METHAMPHETAMINE TOXICITY

MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT

### AUTOPSY SUMMARY:

- I. Multiple body surface contusions and abrasions (primarily extremities).
- II. Multiple organ system failure with brain death (clinical).
  - A. Anoxic encephalopathy with mild cerebral edema.
  - B. Ischemic bowel (small and large intestine).
  - C. Infarcts of lungs; and pulmonary edema and congestion (670 grams, right; 590 grams, left).
  - D. Infarcts of liver.
  - E. Ischemic changes of kidneys.
  - F. Evidence of coagulopathy (mediastinal petechial hemorrhages and visceral ischemic changes, and clinical data).
- III. Cardiomegaly (490 grams), with cardiac arteriolosclerosis and focal interstitial fibrosis.

IV. Toxicology: Positive for methamphetamine, amphetamine and Delta 9-Carboxy THC (please see Toxicology Report).

OPINION: According to the Investigator's Report, San Diego County Sheriff's Detectives and Sheriff's Deputy statements, medical records, San Diego Police Department investigative information, jail video tapes and to 9-1-1 recordings, the decedent was a 34-year-old man whose medical history was significant for cocaine and methamphetamine abuse, alcohol abuse, pancreatitis; and in April 2005, he was hospitalized after using methamphetamine and feeling "very anxious and like people are following him and trying to get him", and "chasing" him. He had possible suicidal behavior including cocaine and alcohol ingestion and running in front of a car in September 2005. On July 25, 2006, he was treated for a right ankle injury.

At approximately 19:30 on July 26, 2006, borrowed a residential telephone and called 9-1-1 to report that 10 men with guns were chasing him and had surrounded the house from which he was calling. More calls were received by 9-1-1 reporting that a man was yelling for a bus to stop, exhibiting strange behavior; and he was reportedly screaming for help and for Jesus. Witnesses described him as "going crazy", "totally insane", "terrified", "completely delirious", and "loco"; and he was not wearing a shirt. He ran after a passing bus and stopped it by running in front of it, yelling, and he forced open and climbed through the driver's window. When the driver saw a police car she opened the bus door and the decedent ran out of the bus and opened the door of the still-moving police car and he "jumped into" the back seat. He kicked out a back window of the police car. The officer used pepper spray to try to control him, but it "did not appear to have any affect [sic]". He was "moving violently and thrashing his body around" and "never stopped screaming". He was "sweating profusely", with "loud and disorganized" speech. He was placed in handcuffs when other officers and a Psychological Emergency Response Team Clinician arrived, and transported to police headquarters at approximately 19:54 hours.

At the police headquarters he would not walk or stand, and he was strapped into a "padded restraint chair" (waist belt or strap), with his arms handcuffed behind the chair. His pulse was rapid and he was still sweating profusely. A blood sample was drawn, and he continued to struggle and bite and kick at officers. He was taken out of the chair for further transportation at approximately 20:50 hours when he became more combative and was placed in "maximum restraint" with approximately 4 officers, and a hobble restraint was used to secure an ankle strap (cord cuff) to his belt loops. He was put into the back of a patrol car, on his left side, where he was able to straighten his legs (pulling his pants down), and he began hitting his head or face on the plastic seat, window and bars of the car.

He was transported to a jail, arriving at approximately 21:05-21:10, removed from the police car, dragged by his belt loops and right shoulder, and fell to the floor while

struggling, and was then restrained on the floor; at times, only loosely restrained with deputies standing by. He was placed in a wheelchair for transportation and continued to kick his legs and drag his feet, "moving violently". He was pushed downwards by his shoulders to keep seated in the wheelchair and had his head pushed towards his lap. He was escorted towards a sobering cell on the second floor of the jail. There he continued to be combative, yelling and attempting to break free. He stood and was pulled to the ground, the chair also tipping, and spit red (variably described as pink or orange) fluid. Multiple deputies controlled him, including one kneeling on his left arm, another using his hands to hold his head down, another holding his upper body down, and another deputy grabbed his legs to prevent kicking. He continued to be combative, yelling and kicking and spitting. A T-shirt (variably reported as a towel or a spit sock) was draped down the front of the decedent's head to prevent further spitting. The shirt reportedly did not restrict the decedent's ability to breathe. The deputies attempted to place him in a restraint chair at 21:20 hours and he continued to be combative. While putting him into the restraint chair, deputies applied pressure (with their hands) on his left thigh and left ankle; another deputy used his hands under his jaw, lifting to prevent him from head butting the deputies (that deputy then moved and assisted with securing his legs). Another deputy pushed the decedent's chest to guide him into sitting into the chair. Lap and shoulder belts were secured and a right and left ankle restraints were secured. It was estimated to take 2-3 minutes to secure him into the chair. He continued to be combative until the being restrained in the chair at 21:23 hours.

At 21:24 hours it was noted that the decedent had stopped resisting and his body seemed relaxed, he "became limp and he turned blue", was without a pulse and respirations. A sternum rub was performed and there was no response. Deputies removed him from the chair and started CPR (with oxygen administration), and an automatic external defibrillator was applied and indicated asystole with no shockable rhythm. Rescue medics responded and assumed resuscitative efforts, and a pulse was restored at approximately 21:35 hours. He was transported to hospital and arrived at 21:57 hours. His body temperature was 104 – 105°, pulse 120, and his blood pressure low. Resuscitation continued and a cooling blanket was used. His vital signs stabilized, but he remained in poor condition, with rhabdomyolysis, renal failure, anoxic brain injury, myocardial injury, and a coagulopathy. He was treated with dialysis, but his condition worsened. He experienced brain death, then life support was discontinued and he died on July 28, 2006 at 18:35 hours.

An autopsy was performed and documented multiple body surface injuries, including primarily upper and lower extremity contusions and abrasions (with patterns of his wrists, consistent with handcuffs), and fewer injuries of his torso; and spotty posterior shoulder and base of neck hemorrhages. There were no conjunctival or facial petechial hemorrhages or laryngeal or hyoid bone injuries. He also had multiple internal ischemic changes of his brain, liver, bowels, kidneys, and lungs, and had several petechial hemorrhages of his pericardium and heart; and had mild cardiomegaly and cardiac arteriolosclerosis. Toxicological studies (performed on blood collected from him on the

afternoon of July 27, 2006), were positive for methamphetamine (0.10 mg/L), amphetamine (trace), and for delta 9-carboxy THC (a metabolite of cannabis).

Based on these findings, the records and statements, examination of the restraint chair at the jail, and the history and circumstances of the death as currently known, the cause of death is best listed as "anoxic encephalopathy, due to complications of resuscitated cardiac arrest, due to excited delirium, due to methamphetamine toxicity" and the manner of death as "accident." In this case it does not appear that the restraint by law enforcement caused asphyxiation or other significant injury that contributed to his death; instead, his death resulted from methamphetamine toxicity, while in custody.

STEVEN C. CAMPMAN, M.D.  
Deputy Medical Examiner

Date signed:

ASSISTANT: Forensic Autopsy Assistant (b)(5)(B) No investigating law enforcement agency representatives are present.

WITNESSES: None.

WITNESSING PATHOLOGIST:

CHRISTINA STANLEY, M.D.  
Chief Deputy Medical Examiner

Date signed:

IDENTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION: The decedent is identified by a Medical Examiner's anklet present about the right ankle.

CLOTHING: The decedent is unclothed prior to autopsy. Recieved with the decedent is a brown paper bag labeled with black pen "Peraza, OLD BK # 5136957". In the paper bag is a black leather "Kenneth Cole" belt that is rolled up; two black, leather-like athletic shoes, "Nike Air"; a pair of blue denim jeans; and a gray plastic support device/splint with pads and Velcro. The shoes have scuffing on the left toe area and a deep scratch or cut on the medial aspect of the left shoe. The jeans have the posterior belt loops partially torn off, are size 44 x 32, and the right leg is rolled part way up. There are areas of scuffing on the right thigh and left knee areas. The gray support device has plastic vinyl and blue padding Velcro straps and has the name "Gel Ankle Brace" on it.

EVIDENCE OF THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION:

1. Two EKG pads are adherent to the right shoulder, one to the left shoulder, one to the sternal chest (right of the midline), one to the right anterolateral lower chest, one to the right lateral abdomen, one to the left anterolateral chest, one to the left lateral abdomen, one to the left anterolateral thigh, and one to the distal left medial leg.
2. A Foley catheter is present in the urethra.
3. A large gauge vascular catheter is sutured into the right femoral area and two are sutured into the left femoral area.
4. Approximately thirty-five puncture sites are present in the radial area of the right wrist, covered by gauze dressing and tape.
5. Three puncture sites with ecchymosis are present in the right antecubital fossa.
6. A nasogastric tube is present in the right nostril.
7. There is a faint erythematous line encircling the right arm, reminiscent of the pattern left by blood pressure cuffs.
8. An endotracheal tube is present in the mouth, marked 25.0 cm at the margin of the

incisors.

9. Accompanying the body is a plastic Velcro support device.
10. Twenty-six puncture sites with a small amount of ecchymosis are present in the right supra- and subclavicular areas.
11. An I.V. catheter is present in the left antecubital fossa.
12. Another I.V. is present in the dorsum of the left hand.
13. Thirteen puncture sites are present in the radial area of the left wrist.
14. A hospital identification bracelet reading in part "MR1609-85-2" with the decedent's name is present about the left leg, and another is present about the left ankle, with the same name and number.
15. A translucent bag partially filled with liquid green-brown feces is adherent to the buttocks, covering the anus.

### **EXTERNAL DESCRIPTION**

The body is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, Hispanic appearing man whose general appearance is consistent with the listed age. The body measures 72 inches in length, weighs 227 pounds, and has been refrigerated and is cool to the touch. Rigor mortis is moderately present in the jaw and lower extremities and only weakly present in the upper extremities, and blanching violaceous lividity is present in the posterior and dependent parts, and there is also blanching red-purple congestion/lividity about the face, neck, shoulders and upper chest. There are multiple purple Tardieu spots in the lividity about the axillae, posterior shoulders, posterolateral torso, and posterolateral thighs. The body is unembalmed.

The subject is normocephalic. There are blunt force injuries of the face that will be described further below. The scalp hair is dark brown-black and measures up to 1-1/2 inches on the top of the head. The facial features are symmetrical. The corneae are dull. The irides are brown. The pupils are equal and round and measure 0.5 cm. The conjunctivae show mild vascular injection and there is edema of the bulbar conjunctivae that has a faint yellow tinge. There are no conjunctival or periorcular petechial hemorrhages. The nose is normally formed. The nostrils are patent, but contain thin, black liquid. No bony crepitance is palpable over the midface. The ears are symmetrically formed and contain no hemorrhage or discharge. The lips are cyanotic and bear injuries that will be described below. The teeth are natural and are in poor repair, with many of the teeth being eroded, the right upper central incisor being apparently eroded or fractured at the gingiva and the lower central incisors having marked gingival recession, and they are loose. Except for the lips, the oral mucous membranes show no trauma or petechial hemorrhage. There is thin red-brown purge and tan tacky purge in the mouth. The facial hair consists of a brown moustache that extends below the corners of the mouth with the hairs measuring up to 1/2 inch, and whiskers in the distribution of a full beard of approximately 1/8 inch.

The neck is symmetrically formed. There is an area of ecchymosis at the left base of the



neck at the shoulders that will be described below. No other acute external trauma of the neck is present. While the neck is freely mobile, there is no palpable bony crepitation. The trachea is palpably midline.

The chest is symmetrically formed. There are small blunt force injuries of the chest that will be described below. There is no palpable bony crepitation over the chest wall. The breasts are those of an adult male and are free of palpable masses. The abdomen is flat. There are injuries of the abdomen that will be described below. The external genitalia are those of a normally developed, apparently uncircumcised adult male and both testes are palpable within the scrotum. The pubic hair pattern is normal. The anus is loose, atraumatic and there is liquid brown-black to green-brown fecal material about the anus.

The upper extremities appear symmetrical and normally formed. Both hands are edematous and both upper extremities bear multiple injuries that will be described below. The fingernails are closely trimmed and are soiled. The nailbeds are cyanotic. Black fingerprint ink is present on the finger pads.

The lower extremities appear symmetrical and normally formed. There are multiple injuries of both lower extremities that will be described below. The toenails are closely trimmed and soiled. The soles of the feet are callused and soiled.

The posterior trunk shows a symmetrical external contour. The spine is palpably midline. There are injuries of the back that will be described further below.

SCARS AND IDENTIFYING MARKS: On the undersurface of the chin there is a thin, linear, 1-inch scar.

Over the right pectoral chest there is a monochromatic tattoo reading, apparently "Mackein's" and on the left pectoral chest is a script tattoo reading "Sandra". In the right mid abdomen is a horizontal, 1/2 x 1/8-inch scar and over the symphysis pubis is a 1-1/4 x 1/2 inch area of wrinkled scarring. Obliquely oriented over the right anterolateral iliac area is a 2-1/4-inch, linear scar with punctate scars surrounding it.

Vertically oriented over the right biceps area is a poorly defined linear area of scarring with faint gray discoloration and punctate scars and ecchymosis in it measuring up to 4-1/2 x 1/8 inch. On the proximal posterior right forearm is a 3/8 by less than 1/8 inch, linear scar. On the dorsal base of the right thumb there are several linear and curved, thin scars spaced over a 1-3/4 x 1/2-inch area. There are other small, round and linear scars spaced over the dorsum of the right fingers and metacarpophalangeal joint areas.

Over the anterolateral left biceps area there is a vertically oriented linear area of scarring with punctate scars, apparent punctures and ecchymosis measuring up to 3-1/2 x 3/16 inch. On the dorsal left forearm is an obliquely oriented, linear, 2-inch scar. There is faint,

black, box letter writing, apparently tattooing, crossing just inferior to the left antecubital fossa that is generally illegible, but includes an "E". Crossing the left ventral wrist is a horizontal, thin, linear, 1-1/8-inch scar. Distal to that is another 1/4-inch scar. There are several short, linear scars spaced over the metacarpophalangeal areas of left hand and on the dorsum of some of the left fingers.

Over the right anterior knee area there is a 4-1/4-inch area of linear scarring and near its midsection there is an irregular shaped wide area that measures up to 1-1/2 inch; and another 1-inch scar is present inferior and lateral to the right patellar area. There are other small, nondescript scars spaced apart over the anterior right leg.

Over the left patellar area there is a 2-3/4 by up to 1-1/4-inch area of wrinkled scarring. There is poorly defined hyper- and hypopigmented scarring spaced over the anterior left leg.

Crossing the posterior neck is a script tattoo reading "San Diego". In the lower thoracic back, left of the midline, is a 1-3/4 x 3/8-inch scar. In the left scapular back there is a wrinkled, 1/4-inch scar with a dilated pore or other scarred hole at its superior aspect. Also on the left scapular back is a 5/16-inch, hairbearing nevus.

### **EVIDENCE OF TRAUMA**

Over the left zygomatic and lateral orbital areas there is discontinuous abrasion measuring up to 1-3/4 x 1-3/8 inch. On the left frontal forehead just over the lateral aspect of the eyebrow is a 1/2 x 1/8-inch purple contusion. There is poorly defined dark red-purple ecchymosis of the right ear spaced over a 7/8 x 3/8-inch area. On the right upper eyelid just inferior to the eyebrow is a horizontal 3/16 inch abrasion. On the anterior chin there is a golden pressure mark and pattern in the congestion/lividity, reminiscent of that left by a support device for an endotracheal tube. There is similar dry pressure mark inferior to the lower lip. On the undersurface of the chin, right of the midline there is discontinuous abrasion spaced over a 1-1/8 x 5/8-inch area. The upper lip is mildly swollen especially right of the midline, and there is discontinuous ecchymosis spaced over a 1-3/8 x 1/4-inch area of the upper lip. There is a 3/8 x 1/8-inch abrasion just inferior to the moustache on the right aspect of the upper lip. There is a poorly defined area of ecchymosis with a 1/16-inch abrasion on the mucosal aspect of the upper lip, adjacent to the left lateral incisor. There is a 3/8 x 1/2-inch abrasion of the mucosal aspect of the lower lip, centered just left of the midline.

On the left lateral mid chest there is a poorly defined 2 x 2 inch area of ecchymosis. On the left anterior lower ribcage margin is a 3/8 by up to 1/8 inch scratch-like abrasion. Crossing the abdomen from the right lower anterior ribcage margin to just superior to the umbilicus is a band-like patterned contusion with abrasion measuring up to 6 x 3/4 inch. There is another discontinuous area of abrasion crossing the mid abdomen

discontinuously over a 5 inch long by 3/16 inch wide area.

On the right posterior hip area at the superior buttock there is a set of parallel patterned abrasions, almost horizontal, with the superior more measuring 2-3/8 inch and the inferior more measuring 1-1/2 inches. Medially they are centered 1/2 inch apart and laterally they are centered 9/16 inch apart. Each abrasion consists of parallel abrasions 1/16 inch apart. On the posterior superior left shoulder are more linear abrasions, approximately sagittally oriented; one area measuring 2-3/4 by up to 5/16 inch and consisting of multiple superficial, linear, scratch-like abrasions; and 1/2 inch medial to those is another set of linear superficial, scratch-like abrasions spaced over a 1-1/2 x 3/16-inch area. On the posterolateral right base of the neck at the shoulder is a 3 x 1-inch area of discontinuous purple contusion.

There is a gray-purple, 3-1/4 x 3-1/2-inch, band-like, poorly defined contusion crossing the right elbow area to the medial aspect of the distal arm and proximal forearm. Within this area over the elbow is a 7/8-inch abrasion. On the lateral and anterolateral right forearm is an 8-1/2 x 3-1/2-inch area of gray-purple ecchymosis extending down to the wrist. On the mid posterior right forearm is a poorly defined, 1-inch purple contusion and on the posteromedial right wrist area is another poorly defined, 2-1/2 x 2-inch pink-purple to gray-purple contusion. On the posteromedial right forearm there is an obliquely oriented, 3/8-inch abrasion. Over the metacarpophalangeal joint area of the right fourth and fifth fingers is a 1/2 x 1/2-inch abrasion and there are two more abrasions over the first interphalangeal joints of the right middle and fourth fingers, each measuring up to 1/2 inch. There is faint pink-purple ecchymosis over a 3/8-inch area of the metacarpophalangeal joint of the right middle finger and faint gray-purple ecchymosis up to 1 inch at the posterior base of the right fifth finger. On the anterolateral right thumb are discontinuous, linear, scratch-like injuries spaced over a 2 by up to 1/2 inch area. There are vaguely patterned abraded contusions in a band-like distribution about the right wrist, discontinuously sparing the anterior and mid posterior aspects of the wrists, most prominent medially and laterally, including a horizontal 2-1/4 by up to 5/16-inch area laterally; and more distally over the base of the thumb, parallel abrasions centered 3/16 inch apart spaced over a 1 x 1/4-inch area. There is faint purple ecchymosis at the base of the right thenar eminence. Crossing the medial and posteromedial right wrist is a 2 by up to 1/2 inch area of deep, dried abrasion.

On the superolateral left shoulder is a 2-1/2 x 2-inch abrasion. On the medial left biceps area there is a poorly defined, gray-pink area of ecchymosis measuring up to 2-3/4 x 1-3/4 inches, and within it is an almost vertically oriented, darker red-purple, 1-1/2 x 1/8-inch purple contusion. There is mottled, faint, gray-green discoloration over most of the left biceps area. Crossing the medial and posterior left elbow area there are two areas of gray to red-purple contusion; the medial more measuring up to 3 inches and the lateral more measuring up to 4 x 2-1/2 inches. In the medial contusion there is a 7/8 x 5/8-inch abrasion, and in the lateral more there is a 1/2-inch abrasion. There is edema

and gray-purple ecchymosis of the left ventral, distal forearm extending down over the hand and the base of the thumb. This extends over the posterolateral base of the left thumb and hand. There is abrasion over the first interphalangeal joint of the left thumb and all four fingers. On the dorsal left wrist there is faint, pink-purple ecchymosis over a 1-3/4 x 3/4-inch area. Discontinuously encircling the left wrist there are parallel, patterned abrasions and contusions similar to those about the right wrist, sparing the anterior and posterior wrist and being most prominent laterally and medially. Over the lateral wrist they are centered 1/4 inch apart and measure up to 2-1/4 inches long. On the dorsolateral base of the left hand at the wrist there is another discontinuous area of parallel patterned abrasions measuring up to 1/2 x 1/4 inch. Over the dorsomedial left wrist there is more horizontal abrasion spaced over a 2-1/4 by up to 3/8 inch area. On the dorsal base of the left hand medially there are two more thin linear parallel abrasions centered 5/16 inch apart and measuring less than 1/4 inch each.

There is red-purple and gray-purple ecchymosis spaced over most of the right anterior knee area over a 7 by up to 3-inch area. Just inferior to the right patellar area is another, poorly defined, 3-1/4 by up to 1-3/4-inch, purple contusion. On the anteromedial right leg is an irregular-shaped, gray-purple contusion measuring up to 5-1/2 x 3-1/4 inches and within this contusion there is an irregular shaped, discontinuous, 1 x 3/8-inch area of abrasion. There is faint gray ecchymosis covering most of the dorsal right foot and circumferentially about the right ankle area, and there is edema in the same area. There is darker red-purple ecchymosis laterally around the ankle over a 4 x 6-inch area. There are superficial abrasions on the dorsum of the right great toe and dorsal right foot near the base of the toes, small and widely spaced apart. The skin of the tip of the right great toe is soiled, blistered, and sloughing over a 3/4-inch area. On the anterior right ankle is a very superficial, 5/8 x 3/16-inch abrasion. There are two small abrasions on the anterior right leg, ranging from 1/8 - 3/16 inch.

There are multiple faint, pink to gray-purple ecchymoses spaced over the left knee area and lateral to the knee area, ranging from 1/2 to greater than 1 inch. There are more poorly defined pink to gray-purple ecchymoses widely spaced over the anterior left tibial area. There is a 3/4-inch area of pink ecchymosis over the left medial malleolus and a "blood blister" measuring 3/4 x 1/2-inch of the tip of the left great toe.

### **INTERNAL EXAMINATION**

**OPENING INCISION AND BODY CAVITIES:** The usual Y-shaped incision is made through the skin and subcutaneous fat measuring approximately 2 - 3 centimeters thick at the midabdomen. The pleural, pericardial and peritoneal cavities are smooth and shiny with no excess fluid, blood, gas or adhesions, but there are multiple hemorrhages of the pericardium and anterior mediastinal fat. The internal organs are normally arranged.

**NECK ORGANS:** A layerwise dissection of the neck is performed. There is hemorrhage

in the lower, anterior scalene muscles and trapezius of the right shoulder, near their attachments to the clavicle, and clavicular head of the right sternocleidomastoid muscle, (all in an area of multiple needle punctures); and multiple dark red-purple hemorrhages along the fascial planes of the neck. There is no muscle contusion in the strap muscles of the neck. There is a 3/4-inch area of ecchymosis of the right mid tongue. The hyoid bone and laryngeal cartilages are intact and normally formed. There is no fracture or hemorrhage along those structures. There are no cervical fractures and posterior neck dissection shows no hemorrhage along the paravertebral musculature, but there is generally diffuse, dark red-purple congestion and spotty hemorrhage, bilaterally in the muscles at the base of the head and then at the base of the neck in the upper trapezius muscles.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: The heart weighs 490 grams. It is normally formed. The epicardial surface bears multiple petechial hemorrhages, posteriorly. There are also petechial hemorrhages of the pericardium. There is a normal distribution of epicardial fat. The myocardium is diffusely softened and pale brown without focal discoloration or fibrosis. The chambers are not dilated. The left ventricular wall measures between 1.3 - 1.5 cm thick. The right ventricular wall measures up to 0.4 cm thick. The endocardial surfaces show a normal trabecular pattern without mural thrombus. The valves are normally formed with thin, pliable leaflets. The coronary ostia are patent. The coronary arteries are normal in origin and distribution. The right coronary artery is dominant. There is focal, minimal atherosclerosis of the major coronary arteries. No thrombi are seen grossly. The aorta is patent and follows a normal course. There is minimal aortic atherosclerosis.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: The right lung weighs 670 grams, and the left weighs 590 grams. The lungs are similar in appearance. The pleural surfaces are smooth, shiny, dark gray-purple and both lower lobes have mottled darker red-purple areas with the appearance of infarct. There is mild anthracotic pigmentation. The cut surfaces are both dark red-purple and leak serosanguinous fluid. No abscesses or mass lesions are seen, but both lower lobes bear the several dark red-purple, firm, subpleural areas of apparent infarct. The larynx, trachea and bronchi are patent, normally formed and grossly unremarkable. The mucosal surfaces of the airways are unremarkable. The pulmonary arteries are normally formed and free of thromboemboli.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM: The esophagus is patent, normally formed, and lined by gray-pink mucosa. There are no diverticula or varices. The stomach is patent and normally formed. It contains 850 cubic centimeters of viscous, charcoal-like material. No intact pills are identified. The gastric mucosa is smooth with a blunted rugal pattern and is pale tan. No ulcers, erosions, or hemorrhages are identified. The duodenum, small intestine, appendix and colon are grossly unremarkable except for spotty thin red-purple areas of both the small and large intestine with the appearance of ischemic changes. The intestines contain thin green-brown, liquid feces.

PANCREAS: The pancreas is normal in size and configuration. Sectioning reveals a firm, pink-tan, lobular parenchyma. No calcification or fibrosis is seen.

HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM: The liver weighs 1850 grams. It is normally formed. The capsule is thin, smooth and shiny. The cut surface is firm, yellow-brown and has multiple bright yellow areas surrounded by red-brown hyperemia. No internal cysts or mass lesions are seen. The gallbladder is patent and normally formed. It contains approximately 12 cubic centimeters of very viscous, dark green bile. There are no calculi. The gallbladder mucosa is velvety, green. The bile ducts are patent and of normal caliber.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: The right kidney weighs 180 grams, and the left weighs 190 grams. The capsules strip with ease. The kidneys are similar in appearance. The cortical surfaces are smooth and red-tan, mottled pale tan. Sectioning reveals a normal internal architectural pattern. The corticomedullary demarcation is distinct. No internal cysts or mass lesions are seen. The pelves and ureters are patent and of normal caliber. The bladder contains no collectible urine. The prostate is normal in size and configuration and has a red-purple cut surface. The testes are palpably unremarkable.

LYMPHORETICULAR SYSTEM: The spleen weighs 210 grams. It is normally formed. The capsule is smooth, shiny and dark gray-purple. The cut surface is firm and red-purple. There is no gross fibrosis or neoplasia. The thymus is not identified. No gross lymphadenopathy is seen.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: The thyroid is symmetrical and normally formed. Sectioning reveals a uniformly firm, dark red-brown parenchyma with no hemorrhage. The adrenals are grossly unremarkable. The pituitary is grossly unremarkable.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: Muscle mass is appropriate for the decedent's age and sex. There are the muscular hemorrhages of the posterior upper shoulders and base of the neck and right clavicular area, as described above. The subcutaneous tissue and musculature of the back is examined and there is an 8.0 x 4.0-centimeter area of spotty, dark red-purple hemorrhage between the muscle layers of the right scapular back, and there is an 8.0 x 2.0 x 2.0-centimeter area in the fat of the right lower lumbar back just over the hip (deep to the surface injury). Most of the musculature of the back is unremarkable and the musculature of the chest is unremarkable, and the right soleus and gastrocnemius muscles are unremarkable. The skeleton is symmetrical and no fractures are identified.

HEAD: Reflection of the scalp reveals spotty red-purple hemorrhage in the right temporalis musculature. The skull is intact and of normal thickness. The dura is smooth and shiny. There is no dural sinus thrombosis or subdural hemorrhage. Removal of the dura reveals no evidence of skull fracture.

The brain weighs 1470 grams. The leptomeninges are thin and translucent. There is no subarachnoid hemorrhage or exudate. The surface blood vessels and the vessels at the base of the brain are grossly unremarkable, but are congested. The arterial circle appears intact and normally formed. The brain is symmetrical and has a normal convolitional pattern. The gyri are mildly flattened and the sulci are slightly narrowed. There is cerebellar softening, but not frank herniation, and there is no uncal herniation. The brainstem and cerebellum show the usual external configuration. There is no other localized external softening and there are no contusions of the brain.

Multiple coronal sections of the cerebral hemispheres, transverse sections of the brainstem, and sagittal sections of the cerebellum show the usual pattern of internal architecture without focal mass lesions or hemorrhages. The ventricular system is of normal configuration and contains clear, colorless cerebrospinal fluid.

### **SPECIMENS**

**TOXICOLOGY:** Samples of vitreous fluid, heart blood, peripheral blood, stomach contents, bile and a portion of liver are saved.

**HISTOLOGY:** Representative sections of the major organs are retained in formalin. Sections of heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas, intestine, subcutaneous tissue from right back injury, and brain are submitted for microscopic examination.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** Documentary photographs of the body surfaces, body surface injuries, the face, the musculature of the chest and the back and inside the chest, under the scalp, the neck dissection, and the clothing items are taken.

**DIAGRAMS:** A standard body diagram is prepared.

**X-RAYS:** None.

**MATERIAL FOR CRIME LAB:** Samples of blood and rib, clothing items, and brown paper bag are retained.

**MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION**

**HEART:** Three sections show thickening of some of the intramyocardial arterioles (both ventricles), and mild, focal interstitial fibrosis (right ventricle).

**LUNG:** Two sections show congestion of the alveolar capillaries, and broad well-defined areas wherein the alveoli are filled with blood and have interstitial and intra-alveolar neutrophils.

**LIVER:** One section shows areas of ischemic necrosis surrounded by areas with sinusoidal congestion and predominantly neutrophilic infiltrates. Most of the portal areas are mildly expanded by fibrosis and moderately increased numbers of lymphocytes, and some have bile duct proliferation.

**KIDNEY:** Two sections show broad areas of necrosis with scattered, preserved glomeruli and tubules, and patchy vascular congestion; and other areas with preserved tubular epithelium. There are tubules containing granular casts and blood.

**PANCREAS:** One section shows mild fibrosis and focal saponification, and rarely, ductules contain hyalinized material.

**INTESTINE:** Two sections show marked vascular congestion of the submucosa and lamina propria, with extravasated blood and rare thrombosis, and mucosal necrosis.

**SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE, RIGHT LOWER BACK:** One section shows dense and loose connective tissue (primarily adipose) with focal muscle, with extravasated blood throughout.

**BRAIN:** Two sections (including Hippocampus) show many shrunken, darkly eosinophilic neurons, microvascular congestion, and generally, vacuolization or mild rarefaction of the neuropil.

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## TOXICOLOGY REPORT

Name: **PERAZA, Cruz Alberto**

Medical Examiner Number: **06-01579**

Date of Death: **07/28/2006**

Pathologist: **Steven C. Campman, M.D.**

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Specimens Received: **Antemortem Blood, Bile, Central Blood, Gastric, Liver, Peripheral Blood, Vitreous**

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### Test Name (Method of Analysis)

### Specimen Tested

### Result

Alcohol Analysis (GC)

\*Antemortem Blood

Alcohol (Ethanol)

Not Detected

Acetone, Methanol, Isopropanol

Not Detected

Drugs of Abuse Screen (ELISA)

\*Antemortem Blood

Cocaine metabolites

Not Detected

**Opiates**

**Presumptive Positive**

**Amphetamines**

**Presumptive Positive**

Benzodiazepines

Not Detected

Fentanyl

Not Detected

**Cannabinoids**

**Presumptive Positive**

Base Screen (GC/MS)

\*Antemortem Blood

Not Detected

Opiates (GC/MS)

\*Antemortem Blood

Morphine (free)

Not Detected

Codeine (free)

Not Detected

6-Monoacetylmorphine

Not Detected

Hydrocodone

Not Detected

Amphetamines (GC/MS)

\*Antemortem Blood

**Methamphetamine**

**0.10 mg/L**

**Amphetamine**

**Trace Detected (<0.02 mg/L)**

Ephedrine

Not Detected

Pseudoephedrine

Not Detected

Cannabinoids (GC/MS)

\*Antemortem Blood

Delta 9-THC

Not Detected

**Delta 9-Carboxy THC**

**6.8 ng/mL**

Vitreous Chem Panel (Nova-16 Analyzer)

Vitreous

Sodium	135 mmol/L
Potassium	11.8 mmol/L
Chloride	109 mmol/L
Glucose	0 mg/dL
VUN	30 mg/dL
Creatinine	2.6 mg/dL

\*Antemortem blood was collected on 7/27/2006 at 1420 hours.

End Results

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**Comment:**

**These results would be consistent with the use of methamphetamine and cannabinoids.**

Approved and Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

08/24/2006

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Toxicologist III

Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Toxicologist II